DEDICATION

For the first time, the Elan is proud to dedicate the yearbook to an individual who has captured the respect and trust of students, faculty and staff of Florida International University. With pride and gratitude the Elan dedicates this year’s book to Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver.

It is not too much to say that without Lillian’s help the Elan would not be possible. She has contributed many hours of her personal time advising and working with the yearbook staff. Lillian was right there with us, spending late hours in the office to insure that last minute details were completed before the deadlines.

Lillian studied journalism at Glassboro State College, New Jersey. As an undergraduate, she was a senator in the student government association and Managing Editor of the school newspaper. After graduation, Lillian went on to teach journalism for over ten years at various schools. She came to FIU as coordinator of student activities, became assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and is currently Director of Special Events in the Division of University Relations. Lillian has won numerous journalism awards and is president of the Miami chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalistic society.

Lillian has had a tremendous influence and lasting affect on the lives of a great many students at the university. Affectionately known as “Lilly” she is a genuinely warm and friendly person. Students have been her special friends and she readily puts them at ease. Aside from her position at the university, she has devoted a good part of her time to her special friends.

Almost all student activities were begun by Lillian. She initiated such things as the Student Government Association, student organizations, the student newspaper, the Elan, Student Orientation Day, Fall Festival, International Week, Journalism Day, graduation, and awards ceremonies. In these, and many more, Lillian has worked behind the scenes to make them all possible. Lillian’s most important contribution has been the involvement she has transmitted to the students. She has given students the opportunity to explore and excel in non-academic areas. With her help, students have had the chance to reach their full potential while promoting spirit at FIU.

Her major emphasis has been her work with and for students. Lillian believes that for an event, publication or function to achieve it’s full objective, it must be accepted by and totally involve the student body. She has worked to educate students by understanding, appreciating and developing their potential. She has worked closely with the Student Government Association, student organizations, members, the school paper staff and those working on special events. Through these experiences the students, have gained knowledge in politics, leadership, journalism, budgeting and many invaluable skills needed in today’s world. These students have not only received an education, but have found a place in which they belong because they have helped build it.

Regardless of one’s involvement with the university, Lillian’s hard work and concern have touched every student at Florida International University. Her continued professionalism coupled with unlimited patience has helped to make the Elan and the university the maturing institution it is today.

With sincere admiration and thanks,
The 1979 ELAN staff

Lillian
Lodge
Kopenhaver

ART DECO...

In the late 1970’s we’ve had just about enough of the 50’s craze, but not of the nostalgia trend. So, Elan has dug deeper. We’re looking into Miami’s past, into the 1920’s and 30’s, when Art Deco still didn’t have a name, but was definitely the art style for that era. Miami, which many people accuse of lacking tradition and history, is in the process of being rediscovered for its Art Deco, reminiscent of a time when America was “chic and glamorous” and Miami Beach grew to represent all that glittered and was fun, the world’s ultimate resort.

Miami Herald columnist Charles Whitel defines Old Miami Beach, from Sixth Street to 21st Street, as “the most significant concentration of Art Deco style in South Florida, and perhaps the whole world.”

F. Scott Fitzgerald defined the spirit of the era in 1931: “It was an age of miracles, it was an age of art, it was an age of excess . . . .” The “art” of Art Deco was defined in stylized design — a certain uniqueness that was expressed in facades which are boldly decorated with raised parallel stripes in contrasting colors to the dominant color design. The design is based around straight lines, circles and curves, usually expressed in sets of three thick and thin lines. Stylized geometric decorations, angular forms and eclectic ornamented designs characterize Art Deco.

Since Miami has discovered a special uniqueness and is growing aware of this heritage, Elan 1979 has adapted Art Deco design to better communicate to you an important part of the heritage of the community which FIU serves.

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The first week is a phantasmagoria of the old and the new, the mundane and the exciting, the dreadful and the optimistic. Whether just beginning, continuing or graduating FIU, whether studying by day or by night, everyone is caught up, by necessity and by choice, in the rituals of the first week. Registering for courses, buying and pawning books, forming new friendships and reviving old ones, fighting the traffic and rushing to classes are just part of the joy and the horror of la primera semana.

Recollections of past quarters conjure up images of students queuing up in excessively long lines that slither their way through the campus. Then, of course, there is the tedium of filling out fee cards and drop/add forms; the frustration of financial aid applications and the bookstore brouhaha; and, finally, the anxiety that accompanies the first classes. Whatever else we may profess to be, the first week’s chores reaffirm that we are once again students, returning to the hallowed halls of academia.

There are, of course, some things that are constant for each newcomer to the campus, such as locating all the important places and finding out all the trivial things a new student needs to know: OE, PC, DM and UH are buildings; there’s a difference between VH and UH; the bookstore, lunch, beer and free popcorn are conveniently all in one building; Cokes are 25 cents in the machines; stairs are usually emptier and quicker than elevators; the yearbook is the Elan; there is no football team; bathrooms are everywhere; pay phones in the PC are in the stairwells; there are as yet no social fraternities or sororities on campus, only interest clubs; traffic only goes one way in most places; and there are lots of ducks.

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The stalwart who have endured and survived this test of sheer physical strength and nerves can then begin the really important task at hand: hitting the books! The academically-inclined eagerly anticipate stimulating classes, interesting professors and good grades. They know competition is stiff for graduate schools. The career-oriented seek the education and the useful skills that will improve their chances for a promotion, or for finding satisfying work in a tight job market. Those who feel neither the pressure of graduate school nor a job come to FIU in quest of the intellectual ferment that fosters learning and knowledge. And for students who want the best of all three worlds — good grades, a job and knowledge — FIU has the resources.

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We looked very international that week!
One didn’t have to be Spanish to appreciate and enjoy Hispanic Heritage Week, for FIU was all charged up and decked out with the color, variety and salsa of the Hispanic culture.
It all began with Fiesta Guajira on Friday night. The opening ceremony was a parade of beautiful horses, perfectly groomed and trained. They exhibited all the pride and haughtiness that comes from a pampered lifestyle.
There was a light rain, but that didn’t put a damper on the evening’s fun. Everyone just moved indoors to the UH Forum where the music of a Latin band resounded throughout the building. For those lucky enough to hold a winning raffle ticket, there were door prizes: frijoles negros, guava jelly and salsa picante. Que rico!
Throughout the week every sense was appealed to: the smell of Cuban coffee, the taste of lechon asado, the sight of lovely señoritas and handsome caballeros in native costumes, the touch of bodies dancing to Latin rhythms, and the sixth sense needed to really feel that Latin beat. Then, there were Cuba Libres (rum and cokes) for those who preferred to dull their senses.
All kinds of people came and revelled in the gaiety of the events. They ate, sang, danced, listened and watched with awe the beauty and enchantment of the Iberian, Mexican, Filipino, South American and Cuban cultures. The glory of imperial Spain, together with the color, artistry and brilliance of other peoples, were revealed in all their wonderful diversity.
Throughout Hispanic Heritage Week University House became a playground for students and entertainers alike. There were Spanish dancers, ranging in age from two to 14, who performed the Cumbia, the Pasa Doble and worked the castanets. The Filipino Folklorico group charmed the Forum crowd with their beautiful songs and lively dances. A group of young Mexicans dressed like mariachis sang and played trumpets, violins and mandolins.
This was the first year for such a broad celebration of the Hispanic culture through a full week of activities, opening on October 6 with an exhibit of works by Hispanic photographers and artists just prior to Fiesta Guajira that evening. Each day Spanish-style food was available in University House, and a flea market highlighted one day’s activities. Thursday’s fashion show of ethnic dress preceded the week’s wrapup on Friday, October 13, with the Fiesta de las Americas, a musical celebration of the Hispanic Culture.
It was all very spirited with lots of panache. It was all very International.
It is difficult to define the FIU student since the campus has a wonderful melange of age groups, occupations, cultural and racial backgrounds. It is a symphony of part-time and full-time students working at their own pace toward their personal goals. FIU students are mature, serious-minded and generally older. Most are enrolled part-time (in fall 1977, 63.3 percent), and many hold down full-time jobs during the day while attending classes at night.

Coming from all walks of life, night students descend upon the campus like a new breed. They are, in fact, an unusually dedicated breed of student. A profile of those attending evening classes shows there are businessmen and women, bankers, housewives, blue collar workers, teachers, retirees, secretaries and salespeople. Temporarily setting aside other responsibilities, they take up their new role. Some are special or non-degree seeking students. Others are juniors, seniors or graduate students. Still others are seeking new "mid-life" careers, having retired from one job or profession, or deciding that it is time to change from one type of employment to another. Still others are back in school for "retraining," to update present skills, or study for an advanced degree in their field.

One cannot help but admire the determination of these men and women. They seek out fresh ideas and update old ones. Some have not been inside a school, never mind a university, for 20 or 30 years. Thus they begin classes with a little more than the usual trepidation of students accustomed to going to school. Nevertheless, they all feel compelled to attend FIU, for they know there are both tangible and intangible rewards to be gained from their university experience.

Unless we have attempted the rigorous life of working by day and studying by night, it is difficult to appreciate the sometimes superhuman effort necessary for such an existence. Indeed, there are sacrifices that must be made. The demands of job and family begin to share equal billing with the demands of school. Attending classes and studying require additional time in the heavy schedules of night students. Statistics show that more than half the FIU student body is married, and the average age of the FIU student has increased from 27.6 years of age when the university opened in 1972 to close to 29 today.

While most people are in class, a large number of even- ing students crowd into library cubicles; some can be found hard at play on the racquet courts. Some come straight from work, others from classes. Still others alternate between classes, the racquetball and tennis courts and the library.

At a time when most people are unwinding from a day of work, school or play, FIU night students are still wound up. They are busy exercising their minds and bodies. The time of day is little more than a guide to when classes begin and end.
TAMIAI MI CAMPUS COMES ALIVE

Approaching from Tamiami Trail, 107th Avenue or Coral Way, signs announce "Florida International University, Tamiami Campus." Beyond those signs is a lively campus where new students keep coming and alumni keep returning to continue their studies.

The Tamiami Campus rises up imposingly against a background of blue sky and Everglades pines. The stateliness of the buildings belie the variety of activities going on day and night on campus.

Take, for example, colossal Primera Casa, the largest building at Tamiami. When the university first opened, it was the only completed structure, and university life was centered in and around it. Naturally, everything was housed in PC: administrative and academic offices, the library and classrooms. Today, it still holds administrative offices and classrooms, but academic departments have moved to Deuxieme Maison, Viertes Haus and Owa Ehan. The library, of course occupies the Athenaeum.

Photographers, ceramicists, graphic artists, actors and actresses congregate at Viertes Haus (Fourth House). Lunchbox Theatre productions draw crowds in the Deuxieme Maison (Second House). Meanwhile something is always being concocted in the laboratories and kitchen in Owa Ehan (Sixth House), by future scientists and restaurateurs.

Each spring or fall the campus landscaping comes alive with multi-colored flowers carefully tended by the university's Physical Plant staff. Gardeners are a common sight all over campus keeping the many small and large gardens neat and filled with every imaginable tropical plant. The nursery on the west side of campus even has a staghorn fern the size of a Volkswagen, lakes filled with ducks and other species of birds complete the campus' natural scenery.

With this, however, the real focal point of Tamiami Campus life is in University House. The FIU student handbook, The Source, really sums it up: "University House provides a social, cultural, educational and recreational environment which enables all members of the university community to gather in an atmosphere of friendship and cooperation." That's really what life is all about at the Tamiami Campus.

On Tuesdays students gather around the Fountain or in UH to socialize and listen to the University Jazz Ensemble.
The lovely North Miami Campus continues to expand. Bordered on the east by the bay and on the west by Biscayne Boulevard, buildings are taking shape on the 106-acre site. Academic I has just been occupied. Academic II is in the planning stages. The Student Center is underway and plans call for it to be open in January 1980. Programs, faculty, staff and students are increasing. As the North Miami Campus grows, it serves more and more people. The residents of the greater North Miami Community know this and actively support their state university.

When the North Campus opened, an upper-division university became accessible to the over one million people living within a 25-minute driving range of the campus. In this way, Florida International University continues to broaden its commitment to the goals of educating students, serving the community and promoting greater international understanding.

There is dust and turmoil from the construction going on, but it's business as usual on the campus. The Trade Center is still the hub of many services, activities and programs at the campus. The bookstore, library, conference rooms and administrative offices carry on the day-to-day affairs of the university. Conditions are cramped, but a spirit of cooperation prevails.

The patio outside the TC building has a life all its own. There is a view of the intracoastal waterway and a grassy expanse for lounging. A pier extends from the shore of the campus into the bay. The patio provides a relaxing outdoor area for eating, studying, listening to a band or a speaker or just contemplating the natural beauty of the campus. Programming has had to be carried out on a limited basis since there are few large areas for this purpose. All members of the university community look forward to the opening of the Student Center which will house a theatre, showers, student organizations and publications offices, a third-floor pub and an outdoor eating area surrounding the second floor cafeteria. The whole building will overlook a lake and tennis courts will be added later.

A major recreational feature of the campus is the parcourse which takes joggers through a scenic route of pines, foliage and water. The North Miami Campus, with its beautiful environment, gives renewed inspiration to studying and learning.
Some of us may remember driving to “campus” to pick up an application for admission. That was when the “campus” consisted of trailers by the Tower. Then, there are those of us who may remember when the campus was Primera Casa. Florida International University grew out of the Everglades as the buildings grew up and people filled out the empty classrooms and offices.

With the birth of FIU came the beginning of the tradition-making process. Traditions are creative ideas which become institutions. They’re passed on through the efforts of the Student Government Association. “Free Period.” When FIU opened in September 1972, classes were held straight through from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and there was no time for people to get together outside of classes. Faculty, staff, students, and administrators needed time to get to know each other, time to grow together. Free Period became a part of every day from 12:30 until 1:45 p.m.

“International Week” is another tradition that has its roots in the early history of FIU. Beginning as a rather modest affair, it has picked up momentum with each successive year. Events are now bigger, more colorful and lavish, with parades, an art show, a fashion show and grand finale with international musicians and dance troupes. International Week is the “I” in FIU.

While certain traditions are being made, other ideas are floundering. Fall Festival has been celebrated in past years with picnics, a turkey trot, coed sports and general good cheer. This year there will be no Fall Festival. Perhaps the desire wasn’t there, the need for it unseen. Next year we may see more colorful and lavish, with parades, an art show, a fashion show and grand finale with international musicians and dance troupes. International Week is the “I” in FIU.

There are also the other standard-bearers of any university: a school logo, class rings, commencement exercises and now, for the first time, an alma mater. thanks to Professor Clair McElfresh who wrote and composed the lyrics and music:

Hail to thee, dear FIU
With voices true we pledge to thee
All our love and deep 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.
The most important thing to remember is that the traditions belong to each and every student. You make and break traditions. That completes the “U” in FIU. For whatever reason you’ve come to FIU, it’s your choice to become involved and make your mark, or to become another statistic, one more college graduate. If FIU is to be anything other than “Free Period,” “International Week” and the beginning of new traditions, it must be a place to get to know other people, to grow with them and create ideas which will benefit you and others. To establish good and useful traditions, we must each work to keep the “U” in FIU.
A. Sailboats are docked in the beautiful and quiet Dinner Key Marina in Coconut Grove.
B. People enjoy chatting and sunbathing at Crandon Park Beach taking advantage of Miami's year-round beach weather.
C. Miami skyline at dusk is a familiar view as people cross any of the causeways from Miami Beach.
D. This historic lighthouse located in Cape Florida on Key Biscayne was illuminated after 100 years due to restorations.
E. Yachts at Miamarina "call it home."
Rat is focus for Homecoming

At many universities Homecoming is celebrated with great pomp and ceremony. Homecoming parties, pep-rallies, dances, beer-busts and the like are held on and off campus.

None of this was to be found on Saturday, November 4, 1978, FIU's "official" Homecoming. However, it hasn't always been that way at FIU. Homecoming was traditionally combined with Fall Festival. Last year there was the Battle of the Superstars in which teams of students, faculty and administrators competed against each other in sports events, the North Miami Campus Gong Show and a picnic which was open to entire community. This year the Alumni Association held their own Homecoming party when Fall Festival never materialized.

There was a Homecoming soccer game and it was a special treat. Sweet victory was ours as the Sunblazers soccer team shut out our arch-rivals, the University of Miami, 6-0. The after-game Alumni Homecoming Party in the Rathskeller filled the gap left by Fall Festival. It was a virtual orgy of free beer, popcorn and pretzels. There have been some pretty good times for a lot of people in our campus oasis. The Rat's inner sanctum offers more than just beer, fast food and free popcorn. It's also the friendly folks behind the bar who contribute to another memorable year in the annals of the Rat. We can thank manager Catherine Curry and her crew.

Rich Kelch, Sunblazers Sports Information Officer, celebrates with other alumni after the exciting triumph over University of Miami.

President and Mrs. Harold B. Crosby enjoy the alumni-sponsored Homecoming celebration.

Rich Kelch, Sunblazers Sports Information Officer, contributes to the home-like atmosphere in our Rathskeller.

A traditional band for FIU, "The Heroes," lightens the spirits in the Rat.

Wendy Lietman adds spice to the keyboards of "Gemini."

Students enjoy the scenery outside the Rathskeller as well as within.

The Halloween festivities brought the little rats in...
Spring brings out ‘I’ in FIU’s name

Each year FIU celebrates a Spring Renascence with International Week. It’s the kind of event that makes the campus come alive. Students, faculty, staff, administration, members from the community and even foreign consuls partake of food and fun all week long. Student organizations and individuals set up ethnic food booths and displays on the first floor of University House to reflect the cultures of countries around the world.

A diplomatic reception is hosted annually by students for foreign consuls based in the Southeastern United States. It is a chance for everyone at FIU to promote community spirit and international good-will. Last year’s reception was graced by the presence of the Greek consul who came from New Orleans.

The Bahamian Junkanoo Parade, led by Brendan Foulkes, was a brilliant attraction. Bahamian students painted up, dressed in colorful costumes and moved through University House singing and dancing. They brought the Bahamas a little closer to South Florida. The art show was the finishing touch to a week that all were sorry to see end. Artists from all around the country set up their work for sale on the grounds of the Tamiami Campus. Exhibits included paintings, sculpture, jewelry, blown glass vases, air-brush painted T-shirts and woodwork pieces. Art is an aspect of our existence that goes a long way towards spanning cultural gaps. It really made International Week complete.
Speaking of which...

Prestigious speakers of all sorts were everywhere this year. Everything from Journalism Day through presidential interviews stirred up publicity for FIU as the university community kept gathering in groups throughout University House to listen to views and ask questions.

Such well-known media personnel as John Huddy, Bob Mayer and Chuck Dowdle came to FIU for the annual Journalism Day co-sponsored by the Greater Miami Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi. The event proved to be a success as over 650 students from various high schools and colleges from as far away as Key West and Tampa came to campus October 7.

Then came the presidential interviews as the university community gathered to question the 10 men selected as the finalists from whom the next president of FIU was to be chosen.

Elections are sexy

The Student Government Association's fall elections were on as politicians and posters were everywhere around University House. Enthusiastic candidates campaigned heavily for days, and some for weeks. Sex was not the only thing students thought about that day as hundreds of votes were cast.

For most candidates the end of the three days of voting signaled a victory. But not so for those running for the associate chair position. A run-off election was held for Paula Friend and Remi Ajac because neither one received a majority of the vote of the student body casting ballots in the elections, which is constitutionally required to win this second highest position on the presiding board of the SGA.

Friend beat Ajac by 18 votes in the run-off and then found herself frustrated as the elections were contested. Ajac said he was discriminated against because the polls closed earlier than expected.

The newly-elected International Student Court upheld Ajac's appeal on their first and unanimous decision. Another run-off election was called for at the end of November and Ajac won to assume the seat of associate chair.

Twenty-seven senate seats were filled in the fall, bringing in students with very little, if any, knowledge of Parliamentary procedures, the Student Activities Office and SGA duties. An orientation day was held November 1, so that the new senate members could gain enough background to function effectively together.
People relax inside UH walls

It's people who really hold up the walls in University House. To most students the UH building is the cafeteria, Rathskellar, Pit, bookstore, gameroom and bathrooms. Actually, it's the most important center for student business and extra-curricular activities. On the third floor are the executive and senate offices of SGA. The presiding board and associates draft legislation there and then decide on it at the Wednesday general meetings. The Social and Cultural Committee, student organizations and classes also have offices there. The Presidential Suite is the posh place for entertaining VIP's and holding dinner parties and cocktail receptions. Also located on the third floor are offices of the Division of Student Affairs. They include such essential services as student housing, cooperative education, international student services, counseling services and job placement offices. Student Activities, the International and the Elan are on the second floor.

University House is the place for people to meet and relax. It's also the site of conferences and lectures. It's the students' building and the heart of student life in the university.

Stewart Williams is a fine representative of the male student body.

The cafeteria maintained by SAGA is an excellent place to enjoy a cup of coffee, hash over homework or partake of culinary delights.

At an afternoon reception, Greek consul talks with Joe Kaplan, Violeta Gil, Lourdes Meneses, Barbara Castellanos and Juan Carlos Gonzalez.

Cyndi Burton and Mark Hoffelder celebrate at the 50's party.

The Fusion Dance Company, perform frequently at FIU.
Sports fans get involved

While many FIU students may not be aiming for the idealized physique envisioned by many, the men and women of the Tamiami and the North Miami campuses enjoy participating in numerous intramural, club and varsity sports. On the west side of campus, the Tursair Building, the weight room, the courts, the baseball diamond and the soccer field are utilized year round.

This year the Sunblazers soccer team made it to the NCAA first round play-offs, but were beaten by Alabama A & M, 6-0. That eliminated them from a chance at the national title. The volleyball team turned in fine performances, and the wrestling team, plagued by injuries, had to rearrange wrestlers in weight classes towards the end of the season.

Recreational activities afford ample opportunities for students to demonstrate their prowess in judo, karate, weightlifting, lacrosse, fencing, sailing, jogging, paddleball and racquetball. The goal may be to tone up and trim down. Others simply enjoy competition and a good game. Whatever the reason, FIU students find pleasure in the active life.

Preparing for a workout, Bart Smith warms up with sit-ups.

Wrestler Bill Sopko (left) comes to grips with a scrimmage competitor from MDCC.

Weekend afternoons find the baseball fields alive with co-ed teams competing in intramural softball and contending for recreational championships.

Sailing from Dinner Key, the FIU Sailing Club challenges the winds and seas of Biscayne Bay.

Evening hours find an invigorating game of basketball in a converted airplane hanger.

Utah's baseball ace Marc Sender prepares to catch a line drive.

Coach Linda Miskovic and Sunblazer players relax in the shade of a campus banyan tree after a fast-paced volleyball match.

Gary Montour, Coordinator of Recreational Sports, leads enthusiasts in daily campus jogging.
Crescendo. The strains of music can be heard throughout the campus. Life at FIU would be quite different without music. Music is so much a part of every culture, and celebrating different cultures is so much a part of life at FIU. Special functions always include a lot of music-making. Music from around the world is a big part of International Week. Black History Week and Hispanic Heritage Week have their "blues" music and Latin beat. Not a week goes by that at least one group hasn't performed at either the Tamiami or North Miami Campus. There's mood music and music that makes you want to dance. The FIU Jazz Ensemble has given weekly lunchtime concerts this year. They've played arrangements of semi-classical and popular music in the Forum on Tuesdays. PACE concerts are another big attraction. PACE has brought folk, jazz and hard-rock groups to perform at FIU. Folk singers on Tuesday nights and the group "Gemini" on Thursday nights are familiar to the Rathskeller patrons. The Performing Arts Department presented student recitals and music concerts under the direction of Dr. Yoshi Obata, both open to the public, free of charge. Music brings so much pleasure, and FIU audiences are always appreciative. diminuendo.
Campus life offers something for all

Campus life for FIU students offers a great deal of variety for everyone, from concerts and speakers in the UH Forum, to slimnastics and dance classes, to relaxing on the grass alongside a lake. There is always something happening at FIU. Each quarter there is at least one major event lasting from several days to a week. In addition, during the week, the UH Forum, affectionately known as the Pit, features speakers, music, dance and displays designed for every group. Many programs have an international flavor to illustrate the "I" in FIU.

On the west side of campus, any time of day students can take part in various types of recreational and intramural sports, including tennis, slimnastics, racquetball, volleyball and handball. And there's always the opportunity for something new. This year, Student Activities organized the "Other Quarter." In the evening hours students could take classes in such things as disco dancing, belly-dancing and wine-tasting.

Co-curricular activities abound as well, from sculpting and painting, to working on student publications which include a newspaper, yearbook and handbook, to planning and implementing major activities. All aspects of campus life enable students to broaden their educational experiences while at FIU.
The purpose of Alpha Phi Omega is to assemble college students in a national service fraternity in the fellowship of the principles of the Boy Scouts of America as embodied in its Scout Oath and Law: to develop leadership, promote friendship and provide service to humanity and to further the freedom that is our national, educational and intellectual heritage. Membership to the Omega Upsilon chapter is open to all registered students.

The Association of Students in Education believes that through this club they can better the educational programs at FIU as well as their own teaching abilities. This organization serves as a vehicle through which opinions on key educational and university issues can be voiced. Membership is open to all FIU students who are majoring in or interested in education.

ASE sponsored many programs this year, one of which was a luncheon for visiting Columbian teachers. The ASE also assisted the Dade County Council for Social Studies, and SGA with the Citizenship Conference held at FIU.

OFFICERS: Paul Berns, vice president, Miriam Ulloa, treasurer, and Eduardo Rivas, president.

The American Institute of Architects was established at FIU in 1975 to provide students interested in the field with a broader understanding through services to fellow students, the school and the community. The campus chapter of the AIA is associated with a professional architectural organization which enhances campus programs and gives the local group recognition.

OFFICERS: Eduardo Roca, Claude DePonte, Ed Ayala, interim president, Fred Horton, Meszaros Hedvika, advisor, Martin Gonzalez, Auguste Nicoleau, John Michalka, charter president, Charles Parker.

The African Student Association, a new organization on campus, was created to promote communication and social interactions between the African students and the community. This group also provides assistance to new African students and helps to create a greater awareness of African culture and customs. The president of the African Students is Muhammed Abba Aj. The organization is open to all students who are interested in Africa.

The Biology Society brings together students with interests in various areas of this field. Meetings are held twice monthly, with discussions ranging from experiments and research, such as the exciting genetic engineering studies, to environmental problems, particularly those of South Florida. Field trips to various parks and seashore areas allow students to become aware of the unique environment which is available to residents of this area. The society has yearly elections and is open to anyone who shares a fascination for the field.

Backgammon is a game played by two persons. Equipment consists of a board with 24 triangles or points, 15 playing "stones" (pieces) for each player, two pair of dice and one doubling cube. The objective is to move one's stones into the inner table and then off the board. If, in winning, a player has removed all his stones from the board before his opponent has brought all his stones from his inner table, it is called a "Backgammon" and is equivalent to three games.

The Backgammon Club was created to establish and maintain relationships among students at Florida International University who are interested in backgammon. It also provides another vehicle for FIU students to extend their relations into the community. The club organizes school tournaments and competes locally. The president presides over meetings, games and tournaments.

The purpose of the Student Dietetics Association is to provide to all interested students at FIU programs of scientific, academic and professional, interest in the field of dietetics and nutrition. It also seeks to educate and inform the university community concerning the field of nutrition.

Sherry Gache, Caryl Judovin, PenelopE Easton, advisor, Evelyn Enrione, advisor, Guilda Perez, Laurie Washuta, Pat Bird, Joyce Fagnani, Darca Warrenchuk, Maria C. Gomez, Maria V. delToro, Dominique Cortes.

Some programs planned this year for accomplishing these goals are to present a series of talks with persons working in the profession, to conduct tours of various entities where nutritionists and/or dieticians may be utilized and to publish a cookbook geared specifically to the university students.

The College Republicans of FIU believe in developing an intelligent, aggressive and servicable college republican organization. They support the principles, objectives and platforms of the national, state and county Republican Party. The group's purpose is to motivate and organize the students of FIU toward achieving a significant awareness of and involvement in the Republican Party and to represent the views of those students in various activities which they sponsor.

Miriam Julio, Linda Kavanaugh, Paul Bennis, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Violeta GI, secretary, Eduarido Rivas, president, Barbara Castelano, vice-president, Anita Tejon, Oscar Hernandez, Albert Zanetti.

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The Student Government Association began its sixth year and continued a celebration of the Super Seventies with co-sponsorship of Fall Quarter Hispanic Heritage Week. The week's events created a mood where multi-ethnic and multi-cultural groups mingled, mixed and moved to the music, experienced the merriment and made much mirth. As the new student senate took its place, their influence spread throughout the university. The SGA's Fall Quarter movie series included such films as "Saturday Night Fever," "The Goodbye Girl," "The Turning Point" and "Madam Rosa." The SGA sponsored a speakers forum and sent student representatives to Tallahassee to lobby on student-related issues.

To round out the Spring Quarter the SGA elected a new presiding board and 15 student senators who created a new spirit of camaraderie for the student body. This spirit was manifested in the SGA's sponsorship of the 1979 International Week. Large groups of community people were offered ethnic food treats, listened to native music, experienced an International Fashion Show and viewed native art exhibits. International Week 1979 was the cornerstone for the Spring Quarter and epitomized the university's international goal.
Mayaimi is FIU's new literary magazine, funded entirely by the SGA this past year and advised by English faculty member Jim Hall. The first issue has 48 pages of interesting, innovative literary work from the entire university community. Staff members print stories, poetry, graphics, prints and photos from all contributors. Mayaimi has a student board to discuss suggestions, errors and experiences, as well as new work. Editor for the first issue is Charlie Roberts; his assistant is Ruth Wertalka. They both work with an editorial staff and their advisor to gather materials. Mayaimi is an old Spanish misspelling for this area.

The Student Occupational Therapy Association was formed to promote occupational therapy at FIU and in the community. The members have fund-raising events to send people to OT workshops, or to make short-term loans available, and they hope to create their own library. This past year they sold plants grown by the children at the Grant Center.

Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, was established at FIU on June 4, 1975. The major goal of Psi Chi is to facilitate the professional growth of its members by offering a climate congenial to their creative development. The purpose of this organization is to advance the science of psychology and to encourage, stimulate and maintain scholarship of its individual members. Psi Chi is open to undergraduate and graduate students in psychology, or any FIU student who is interested.

International Students was organized to promote intercultural communication and an understanding among FIU students, as well as to provide social, academic and financial assistance to members. The club provides a forum for dialogue on issues of importance to members, and an opportunity for students to suggest and promote social activities and innovations for the purpose of fostering goodwill among the students of FIU. International Students is instrumental in organizing International Week, which is held each May in cooperation with the Student Activities Office.
PRE-MED
Pre-Med is open to all students in health-related fields and sciences. Members do volunteer work and view operations, and the club tries to provide exposure to various clinical and medical environments. A scholarship is awarded once a year to a deserving student aspiring to become a physician, dentist or to enter some other medical science vocation. Speakers from various medical schools come to speak about administrative policies.

PHYSICAL THERAPY
The Physical Therapy Student Association was to provide a way for FIU students to establish a relationship with the community. This year, members assisted with high school athletic physicals and were co-ordinators for the Orange Bowl Marathon. Socially, they took part in the Budweiser Super Sport Olympics and won first prize in the Rathskeller Costume Party!!

PHI-LAMBDA-PHI
Phi Lambda Pi is an honorary fraternity for students who are, or who have been, married and have earned scholastic recognition. The organization was founded by a group of married women students at Louisiana State University in 1935. FIU's membership now includes both men and women who actively seek knowledge and culture. Students share the cardinal virtues of courage, loyalty, friendship and service as they encourage one another to continue toward their goals. The group's symbol is the lamp of knowledge which reminds members that they are determined to continue their quest for further education while answering the demands of family, job and various interests. The FIU chapter helped host the 1978 Phi Lambda Pi convention at the Deauville on Miami Beach in June. A great deal of credit for the fraternity having a chapter at FIU goes to Molly Pinnas, founding president. Current president of the fraternity is Lila Neese.

SAILING CLUB
The Sailing Club was established in 1975 to provide all members of the FIU community the opportunity to learn how to sail, how to become an experienced sailor and how to become acquainted with others who have the same interest in sailing.
The Student Council for Exceptional Children is an organization whose goals are the welfare of both exceptional children and students. Services for all handicapped individuals are carried out by FIU students in SCEC, which is a national group divided into chapters by states. The organization holds many fund-raising projects, including bake sales, car washes and dances. For service, members go to various area schools as aides and do volunteer work with the handicapped. All students are welcome to participate.

Students for International Understanding was founded in 1976 to help in reaching the goal of a truly "International" university, and to promote a greater understanding among men and women of all nations, races and creeds through events of an academic, cultural and social nature. There are 85 members of different races and languages.
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Go-getter Pat Fletcher: When it can't be done, she can do it! Editor Ellen Andrews types copy for a deadline.

Class editor, Laurel Lanier, spends a lot of time promoting the Elan.

Copy Editor, Paula Mandell, our Wizard with Words!

Our dancing photographer, Carol Doty, is a familiar sight.

Yearbook
ACADEMICS
President Harold Bryan Crosby

Dr. Harold Bryan Crosby came to Florida International University after holding a position as Regents Professor for the State University System of Florida. Just prior to accepting this distinguished position, he served as founding president for the University of West Florida in Pensacola. President Crosby administered the early growth of the North Miami Campus of FIU and the rapid expansion of the Tamiami Campus. His concern for some traditionalism aided the academic programs to gain additional respect throughout this country and in others as well. His strong feeling of meeting the international goal of the university was a catalyst in drawing students and faculty from all over the world. He now returns to his position of Regents Professor and will reside in Tallahassee.
Dr. Gregory Baker Wolfe was selected by the Florida Board of Regents as the third President of Florida International University on February 16, 1979. Dr. Wolfe came to FIU from American University in Washington, D.C., where he was Dean and Professor of International Relations.

The President received his bachelors degree from Reed College in Oregon, and his masters and doctorate from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Massachusetts. He then taught International Relations at Pomona College, Claremont Graduate School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. With experience in these institutions, he became involved with committees centered on Latin American economics and politics.

Prior to Dr. Wolfe's position at American University, he was also President of Portland State University. The President, who also speaks fluent Spanish, has had extensive contact with Latin politics and the international arena in general.


CASHIER'S OFFICE: FRONT ROW: Jeanne Grant. SECOND ROW: Steve Krevat, Olva O'Brien, Maria Snyder, Kathy Desmond.

Eva Belz is always available to help students with any problems.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Janet Elliott, Brenda Bamford, Tom Riley, David Boehling, Shelley Stanczyk, Muriel Graff, Olga Flores.

Malkika Jan Hall types numerous memos in her busy day.

Doris Bailey updates the computer files.

Evita Belz and Anise Russell review files in Admissions and Records.


George Federici, right, sells tickets to Chary Almazan at the Information Office.

Arletta Young reviews a career file.
Robert Grosse, a professor in the School of Business, is not your everyday professor. Two days a week, he paddles his 40-pound competition cruiser canoe to school. Grosse, a physical fitness enthusiast, hopes to compete in the 1980 Olympics. The next step for Grosse on his road to the Olympics is the U.S. Flatwater Nationals. Grosse begins his six-mile journey to FIU each day at the Snapper Creek Canal. It takes him approximately an hour to arrive on the canal on the west side of the campus. Grosse parks his canoe in the gym while he works during the day.

When his day is over, he unchains his canoe and begins his scenic trip home. Grosse enjoys the sights while he paddles. He watches the turtles, garfish or alligators as they go on their daily routine. Grosse says, "It's odd. Here's this bit of wilderness — just canal banks, trees, and wildlife — and only 50 or 100 feet away, out of sight, cars are whizzing by."

ABOVE: Birdie gives her own performance for the Performing Arts Department. MIDDLE RIGHT: Dr. Csonka indicates the intensity of the music.


POLITICAL SCIENCE: Mark Rosenberg, John Stack, Mary Volcansek-Clark, Judson DeCew, Charles Chai, Joel Gottlieb.

Bill Maguire, a photography instructor, goes up and away! Violet Vagramian teaches her class in counterpoint.
Brian Nelson, a professor in political science, has long been interested in the social condition and questions regarding people and their relationships to these conditions. As a professor of political theory, he feels the great thinkers can be used to understand these social relationships. Nelson asserted, "Often the great political thinkers are thought to be out of tune with their times. They looked beneath the obvious in order to understand the assumptions of premises posed within society."

Like the great thinkers, Nelson looks beneath the obvious. As an educator he feels the purpose of education is "to get to the underlying assumptions regarding success and other challenges students must face after leaving school." The learning process, in his words, provides "an environment in which the teacher can point out these assumptions and help students to put them in some context." While education provides skill development, Nelson feels it must also provide some understanding of the disappointments and how to deal with them.

Clair McElfresh is known to many students as a professor in the Performing Arts Department, but few know of the other talents he possesses. McElfresh is also a conductor, composer and clinician, and one of the leading all-state and district choral clinicians, having conducted in many states. He has also directed many musicals, including "Guys and Dolls," "Oklahoma," and "Music Man."

Mac has also participated in the International Festival of Cosaas in Puerto Rico and at Carnegie Hall in New York. He has conducted numerous church choirs, including the Key Biscayne Church where he did the "Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving for Peace" after the Viet Nam War.

While McElfresh has excelled in many areas of music, he has also used his magic touch here at FIU. He is director of the newly-developed Faculty Scholars Program designed for the intellectually gifted right out of high school, and most recently composed FIU's new Alma Mater, which has officially been adopted by the university community.
DEAN'S OFFICE: Mavis Whitton, Candace Reese, Gloria Leindecker.


SOCIAL WORK: FRONT: Ara Rivas-Vasquez, Foster Brown, Yvonne Bacarisse. SECOND ROW: Esther Eichenbaum, Monte Koppel, Virginia Pendergrass, Mary Helen Hayden, Catherine Almog, Julia A. Roce, James Garrett.


The DM building, houses Education and other faculty offices.
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ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: Juan Villar, Jimmy Dean Hahn, Manuel Cereijo, LeRoy Thompson, Sergio Alcorta, Robert Judge, Wunnava Subbarad, James Story.

Pioneer Partners Polly Knight and Florence Ogle do their thing.

DEAN'S OFFICE: Patti Sarnecchia, Katharine Curry, Dean Jack Clark, Marie Lindenmuth.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY: Joyce Robinson, Janet Zini, Frank Seedanee, Margaret Naid.

George Taylor instructs in the anatomy lab.

George Alea shows the technique of CPR.

HOME ECONOMICS: Greta Howard, Adele Smith, Florence Ogle, Betty Morrow, Penny Storm.
Special activities prove successful

The Athletic Department sponsored several special events during this academic year, which proved to be one of contrast. Though the year started off hazy when the Student Government Association refused to bond $2.6 million for more athletic facilities, there was considerable sunshine when plans for a new teaching gym on the Miami Campus were finally approved by the state.

The latter event climaxed a series of special events, one of the most successful of which was sponsored by the Sunblazers Club, the Second Annual Steve Clark Sunblazers Celebrity Golf Invitational. For the first time in the six years that the Sunblazers have hosted a celebrity tournament, the field was a complete sellout. Profits from this year's event amounted to $10,500 for the FIU Sunblazer Club.

Some 140 golfers teed off that Sunday. Celebrity guests in attendance included Mayor Steve Clark, Dick Anderson, Butch Baird, Walter Blum, Walt Cronise, George Mira and Bob Weaver.

This was only the start of Sunblazer activities. FIU also felt great pride when they honored alumni Pat Bradley, an LPGA touring professional, during a testimonial dinner February 15 at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge.

Bradley earned recognition as FIU's first All-American student athlete in 1973. While attending the university Bradley won or placed second in each event that season. At the 1973 AIAW National Collegiate Championships, she set the course record, one under par, and was the medalist on the first day of play.

The FIU Athletic Department feels Bradley is the most successful athlete of the 22 to turn professional after participating in FIU's intercollegiate athletic program.

FIU first All-American, Pat Bradley, is now a professional golfer.

SUNBLAZERS
FIU

For the second consecutive year, FIU hosted the NCAA Division II National Soccer Championships — The Alabama A & M Bulldogs, the defending champs, and the Seattle Pacific Falcons were the two teams to reach the final playoffs. The FIU Sunblazers again would not participate in the nationals.

Alabama A & M stopped the Sunblazers from having a part in the tournament. Last year the Bulldogs knocked off the Sunblazers in the quarter finals. This year they beat them 6-0 in the opening round. Sunblazer head coach Bill Nuttal said, "We were beaten by an extremely well-coached, well-skilled and well-disciplined team. I'm very proud of our guys. They never quit, even down by five or six goals. They played their hearts out right to the final buzzer."

Alabama A & M reaching the finals with a 19-1 record, faced the Seattle Pacific Falcons with a 17-3-4 record. Most people believed then it wasn't a matter of who would win, but by how much the Bulldogs would win. Hours went by in the match during which hundreds of fans were in doubt as to who would really win.

As they entered the sudden overtime, Sunblazer fans started to feel there was a possibility of sure revenge when it appeared the Bulldogs could be beaten. Finally, fans cheered as the Falcons scored a goal to make them the national champs.

FIU plays host to championship
Women's Volleyball

Lady spikers put it all together

Though the women's volleyball team started out slowly, they were able to put it all together by the end of their season. The lady spikers traveled to Princeton, Houston and Jacksonville for many different tournaments. Head coach Linda Miskovic said, "All the tournaments gave the girls good experience.

After ending up with a 24-21 record, the spikers were invited to the AIAW state championships. Losing to Florida Southern, FIU placed third in the state. Bouncing back by defeating Florida Southern in the regional tournament, FIU placed second in the Southeastern Region, giving them an invitation to the nationals. Losing in the first round in the national championships, Coach Miskovic said, 'With over 900 teams competing in our small college division, anytime you can end up the season in the top 16 in the country, you've done something.'

The team was led by senior captain Letha Brown from Baltimore, who topped the team in games played (113), most blocks (65), most spikes (108) and total points (203). Coach Miskovic said, "Brown is an all-around good player and team leader." All-Southeast Region performer Mary Dueker from St. Louis was second in team scoring with 147 points, while senior Linda Mctague held the record for the second consecutive year for the most aces served (41).

The team sets, ties 18 all-time records

After closing the 1978 soccer season with a pair of shutout victories against cross-town rivals Biscayne College (8-0) and the University of Miami (6-0), the Sunblazers accepted their second consecutive bid to the NCAA playoffs. The Sunblazers (11-6) were seeded fourth among Division II South Region field behind national champs Alabama A & M, Loyola College of Baltimore and Rollins College.

Despite the 6-0 defeat in the playoffs, which quickly ended the season, the accomplishments of the Sunblazers will long be remembered in the university's soccer history. The squad either set or tied 18 all-time records. Among all the honors, Gary Pollack and Alie Njie have been named to the 1978 All-South Soccer squad by a panel of coaches from the National Soccer Coaches Association.

Pollack, a senior from Johannesburg, South Africa, and Sunblazer co-captain, was a second team forward. During his two-year career at FIU, he set or tied seven university records, including most career goals (24), most goals in one season (16) and most goals in one game (4).

Njie, a senior from Sweetwater, is a graduate of Miami Dade's North Campus. He was picked All-South for the second straight season, this time as a fourth team forward. In his two-year stay at FIU, he set or tied four university marks, including most career assists (23) and most career points. Njie is a public administration major who was later drafted to the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers.

Team records broken during the course of the year include most overtime games (3), most overtime victories (2) and most overtime goals scored in a single game. Two defensive records were tied, fewest goals allowed in one season and most shut-outs. Coach Bill Nuttal said, "This season will go down in the books as a team effort." He added, "While our record this year wasn't the best, our desire and hustle were #1."
Men's Wrestling

Squad blends recruits, seniors

The 1978-79 Sunblazer wrestling squad is a talented team featuring a blend of good recruits and experienced seniors. The nucleus is formed by senior NCAA Division II Championship qualifiers Jim Celso and co-captains Bill Sopko and Rick Blake. Celso, Hoke, Blake and Kurt Ferraro all placed second in the state’s collegiate tourney, and all five seniors were SEIWA place winners last year.

Facing one of the toughest schedules of any Division II school, the Sunblazers wrestled well, but still finished several matches short of a .500 season. Once again the team was plagued with injuries. Three starters were lost for the season, which resulted in lack of team depth. However, as a tournament team, FIU has been tough, winning three team championships, placing third in another tournament and having its first Orange Bowl Classic placewinner in Rick Blake.

The best records so far belong to Bill Sopko (20-11), junior Lou Alvarez (19-10), Rick Blake (16-8-1) and Bill Hoke (14-3). In tournament action, Blake leads the team with two firsts, a second and a third. Ferraro has a first and a third, Alvarez has a first and a fourth, junior Steve Gironda has two thirds, Sopko has three thirds, junior Rick Fatigate has a second and two thirds and Bill McCaskill has a second and a fourth.

Women's Basketball

Dedication, hard work pay off

FIU's women's basketball coach Rick Jendra believes that hard work and dedication are keys to success in athletics. Jendra should know. A former standout basketball and baseball performer at St. Francis de Sales High School in Chicago, he gave up organized basketball in order to devote his full attention to baseball.

The result: Jendra was twice named to the AABCA All-South Region baseball team while attending FIU and now looks forward to his full season as a member of the Tampa Tarpons Class A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds baseball organization.

Jendra is instilling the same hard work and dedication principles in his basketball squad. He coached the Lady Sunblazers to take on this tough season. "The girls all performed well during our practice sessions and their hard work paid dividends during the season," said Jendra.

Since only two players returned from last season's AIAW Small College Southeast Region qualifier, the coach recruited six junior college transfers.

The forward line was the squad's strong point. Pia Hakansson, a six-foot senior from Goteburg, Sweden, anchored the front line along with Hilda Vargus-Vila, a five foot, ten-inch junior from Miami-Dade South, and Trish Stemrich, a five-foot, nine-inch junior from Florida Junior College.
Team rebuilds, faces challenge

For the 1978-79 women's golf team, composed mainly of juniors, it was a year of rebuilding as they faced a real challenge to live up to last year's reputation.

The golfers ended their last season third in the nation, marking the highest finish of a Sunblazer athletic team. After the Sunblazers beat the University of Miami by five strokes in the state tournament, they suddenly fell five shots behind them in the nationals. For that year, they were just a few strokes away from being the best intercollegiate golf team in the country. Coach Mary Daggaedt, named to Illinois State University's Hall of Fame, said, "This is the very best team I have ever, or will ever, coach. It was a privilege to work with this team."

Leading the golfers was Becky Pearson, who placed tenth in the nationals and who broke every record ever set at FIU. She was named to the AIAW Coaches All-American Team for 1978. Pat Bradley and Becky Pearson are the only two golfers to attain such a stature in the sport's five-year history at the university.

Another outstanding player was Brenda Rego, a senior from Kuna, who was named to the 1977-78 FAIAW Senior College All-State Team by virtue of her individual finish. Both Pearson and Rego, who are capable of becoming professionals, according to Dagraedt, stayed at FIU to assist in coaching the new team.

Men's Golf

Golfers are most active

FIU's men's golf team is the most active competitively in the country. Being in the Miami area, the team can compete in many tournaments. They played in different amateur tournaments while Coach Bobby Shave competed in the PGA winter tour along with some of his players.

Since most of the members on the team are full-time students, they go to school in the morning and play most afternoons. Coach Shave explains that the team should expect to go into isolation for two years at FIU with golf and studies taking 100 percent of the students' time.

The team started off by finishing second in the FIU College Challenge with Bill Moretti placing second and Ken Chase third. Then the duffers finished fifth in the Miami Beach Invitational with Moretti and Chase placing tenth. The Sunblazers then came back to place second in the NCAA Division II State Intercollegiate Tournament. Outstanding player was Moretti, finishing second overall in the tournament.

Becky Pearson stays at FIU to set a model for the new golf team.

Women's Golf

Brenda Rego assists in coaching the new team.
**Women's Tennis**

**Team builds on their record**

The 1977-78 men's tennis team brought recognition to FIU as they finished sixth in the NCAA Division II National Championships held in San Diego last summer. Head coach Don Petrine said, "They represented the university well and we left there realizing next year FIU could win it all."

Returning players from last year's dynamic team were Ruben Zarate from Mexico City, Ford Oliver from Yorktown, New York, and Louis Vallejo from Queens, New York. These three led the team once again.

Jim Doerr, who was top seeded on the team two years in a row, chose to stay at FIU and assist in coaching the team while he completes his degree in physical education. Doerr is from Welland, Ontario, Canada, where he won numerous tournaments and was ranked nationally. Doerr, who has a promising future in professional tennis, helped the team in many ways because of his understanding of the game.

Head soccer coach Bill Nuttal added kick to the team as he took on the responsibility of head coach of the tennis team. Nuttal, who is strong on the idea of physical fitness, put the racqueteers through a training schedule which proved to be a success.

The team practiced their tennis strokes daily on top of a variety of physical fitness activities. This hard work was good for the team as the players all seemed to have improved in some way.

**Men's Tennis**

**Ladies prove to be winners**

After three consecutive years of losing seasons, the 1977-78 women's tennis team proved they could be winners. The Lady Sunblazers, with a 15-6 record, emerged third in the state and fourth in the Division II Southeast Regional Championships hosted by FIU.

This year's team, composed of half seniors and half juniors, kept up the fine reputation of women's tennis at FIU. Returning players were Rosie Secada, Diane Aten and Joanne Follien. Secada, who was top seeded last year, has a classic style of strokes. Aten, with all-round athletic ability, has a classic style of strokes. Follien, who came through last year when it really counted, was elected captain of this year's squad.

Adding more talent and a new flavor to the team were juniors Deborah Harit and Donna Kosyba. With these players the team managed to have a solid performance all year.
The 1978 women's softball team faced its toughest schedule ever at FIU, as they ended up with a 19-18 record. They then went on to finish fifth in the FAIW state and regional tournaments.

This year's team was composed mainly of Miami-Dade Community College recruits. The only returning seniors were pitcher Linda Mctague and catcher Peggy Egan. Coaching the team was Linda Miskovic; she was assisted by Gary Montour, recreational sports coordinator.

This year most players were able to rotate positions, since there was more depth and flexibility on the team. Miskovic said, "I was able to rotate the players at different positions when I needed to."

The strongest point of the team was their defense. Ann Harris from Miami-Dade South was the best fielder, according to Miskovic. Adding to the defense and offense was Joanne Sharp from Miami-Dade South, who is an outstanding player who also competes in American Softball Association play during the summer. Miskovic said, "She is quick, a good fielder and a strong hitter."

Women's Softball

Speed increases competitiveness

The 1979 baseball team had all the essential ingredients necessary for a prosperous year. Pitching, defense and speed were a few of the strong points that led the Sunblazers to a successful and competitive season.

Last season, the team relied on a potent hitting attack which averaged 6.96 runs per game, for a .307 team average and set a new club record with 58 home runs. That offensive barrage took FIU to a 27-17 regular season record and earned it a berth in the NCAA Division II South Regional Championships. Pitching, however, was sporadic, forcing the team to accept a second place finish in the regionals.

Head Coach Tom Wonderling, with a 179-124 record in his six years stay at FIU, decided to make some changes in the 1979 team. He made recruitment his top priority for the pitching staff. Competing for the positions were 11 juniors with impressive credentials, and one returning senior. They all battled together to make mound duty an important and valuable position.

While the hitting attack was not as awesome as last year, Coach Wonderling feels the team was able to produce enough runs. Helping this was the team's speed, said to be one of their most exciting aspects. Wonderling said, "This is the fastest team ever at FIU and maybe the fastest of any team I have ever coached. With a rigorous 63-game schedule and just four returning players on the 27-man roster, the Sunblazers had another successful season."
Recreational sports
program achieves
greater visibility

Recreational sports have become a more visible and active part of the university community this year with the addition of Gary Montour, the first full-time coordinator. Montour said, "It won't be easy, but I feel we have to recruit and sell our program, while we let the students know that we're worth their time."

Recreational sports consists of leisure activity classes, intramurals and club sports. Montour said, "Anything that involves students taking their minds off their studies, off their social problems, that's a recreational sport. Chess and disco are as much recreational sports as lacrosse or fencing."

Students at FIU change so rapidly from one quarter to the next; in turn, the activities offered each quarter through recreational sports also change. Montour said his office door is "always open for any and all suggestions for improvement."

The night fencing classes were a success as many students gathered in the Turnair Building. Barbara Higgins was the fencing teacher.

The racquetball classes offered afternoons and evenings attracted many people; later some went on to participate in tournaments.

Leisure Service Classes
Leisure offerings vary

The recreational sports program offers leisure service classes which provide the university community with the opportunity to use campus athletic facilities and to participate in short lectures and drills stressing exercise and mental relaxation for all.

Some of the activities offered, including fencing, golf, racquetball, tennis, slimnastics, volleyball, fishing clinic, sailing, scuba diving and running, give students a chance to lose weight, get in shape and feel great at the same time. Tennis, racquetball and fencing attracted the most participants. All of these classes, which were offered at different times and which involved a different type of activity, were filled, and some participants went on to take part in tournaments.
Interest varies in club sports

From year to year FIU club sports change depending on student interest. Active groups this year are lacrosse, fencing, karate, judo, tennis, flying, sailing and water skiing.

The first athletic team at FIU was the lacrosse club. Last year the team had a 10-0 record and then won the Southern Division title in Florida.

The largest sports club is karate, with about 50 students involved. Last year team members Howard Levy and Jack Hogan competed in the AAU National Championships where Levy finished second in fighting and fourth in kata, and Hogan finished fifth in kata. This year Hogan placed fourth in fighting in the Florida Gold Coast Tournament.

The fencing club is the most competitive on campus. This year's women fencers on the state tournament for the third consecutive year.

Activity sparks intramural program

Intramurals are an active and ongoing part of the recreational sports program offered through the athletic department and including leagues, tournaments and contests.

Recreational league offerings this year included competitive and coed football, soccer, softball, volleyball, coed bowling and three-man basketball. Tournaments included men's and women's tennis and racquetball and coed racquetball. Contests included the Turkey Trot, Super Stars, air hockey, pinball, foosball, pool, backgammon and fishing.

The Second Annual Budweiser Super Stars attracted the most people and was very successful. Last year the Veterans Club won the Southern Division and then competed state-wide in Orlando. This year 65 teams competed on November 4 at the University of Miami. Eleven teams represented FIU; the Rathskeller team placed fourth in overall competition.
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Peggy Hertz enjoys station three of the vita course where she can do a hop-kick.

Stan Curran of the United Kingdom wins the Orange Bowl Marathon.

Art Herriott of Arts and Sciences rests after completing his run.

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Peggy Hertz takes a tour through the vita course.

Bill Quain and Teresa McDurmitt from the Sailing Club on one of their many voyages.

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STUDENT PORTRAITS
Word travels far

"Internationalism is the spirit at FIU," states Donahue Bailey of Kingston, Jamaica. "Many foreign students choose this university because of the reputation of our various schools. The most popular degrees offered are hotel and restaurant management, technology and business."

Recently voted vice president of the International Student Club, Donahue helps in promoting cultural and social exchange. "We learn about the world through each other."

He feels "FIU is different from other campuses. Other universities tend to have a strong campus community. I feel it is a challenge for me to get to know the other students as individuals, due to the diversity of student life and activities on this campus." Donahue transferred to FIU from Temple University in Philadelphia. "I moved because of FIU's reputation. The program for architectural technology at FIU is known as the most innovative program in the eastern U.S. What makes this program different from others is the management training required, which is an addition to the regular curriculum of design and technology. This will bridge the gap between aspects of the industry. This can be most important in the funding of large-scale construction projects."

Upon completion of his bachelor's degree, he expects to pursue graduate studies at the University of Florida, and then return to Jamaica and "work to better economic growth and stability." To sustain the cultural aspects of his community, he feels the best solution may be the incorporation of sociology and architecture.
Minstrel strolls UH

Music fills the air! Brian Frankel, campus minstrel, can sometimes be found in the patio or on the greens surrounding University House.

Friends will gather. People will meet. Some will sing; others silently listen. All will feel joyful. Everyone is touched by the harmony.

Although his study of guitar music has been a major interest for 10 years, he is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology, and would like to complete his Ph.D in clinical child psychology before applying to law school.

It was the sunshine that attracted Brian to Miami Dade from Long Island, New York. Enjoying South Florida, he chose to stay and continue his studies at FIU. The longer months of summer give Brian greater opportunity to enjoy horseback riding and various water sports.

In regard to his philosophy, Brian says, "Enjoy! Life is for living. I take every opportunity to expand my horizons and set new goals.'"
The establishment of a full-service health clinic was one of the most important accomplishments at FIU this year," states Paula Friend, a registered nurse for over six years. While continuing her study, she is on staff part-time in Student Health Services. The quiet, yet outspoken woman has strongly and consistently supported the establishment of continuing education in nursing at FIU. "There has been no other public institution in this area for the pursuit of advanced nursing technology." She worked for the establishment of scholarship funding in nursing, and actively participated in an organized demonstration in support of the continuation of the nursing program. Local television and press coverage inspired endorsement by area hospitals and the alumni community. Representing students, she spoke before the Board of Regents during their visit to FIU's campus in September. At the presidential reception for legislative candidates, Paula advocated the need for comprehensive public nursing instruction in South Florida.
Political science major wants to be Governor Of Florida

Being elected Governor of the State of Florida is one of the future goals of Barbara Castellanos, a senior political science major.

Her philosophy on the best way to be elected is similar to the method that worked for Bob Graham in 1978: working up through the ranks and "securing grassroots support by keeping an ear to the people."

Barbara's policy of "grassroots support" has also, she feels, worked for her at FIU this past year in her role as chairperson of the Social and Cultural Committee of the Student Government Association. Under her leadership, the committee sponsored various speakers, PACE concerts, a Jazz Concert, a Halloween Party, a Christmas Extravaganza and a Golden Oldies Party. One highlight of the year, says Barbara, was "the marvelous spirit on campus during Hispanic Heritage Week which the committee coordinated."

"In my time as chairperson," Barbara contends, "there has always been a open door policy regarding anything that students would care to bring to the attention of the group." She feels that because of this policy, "more students not involved with SGA have participated on Social and Cultural than any other committee." But she is still discouraged by the "lack of support by the majority of the students. I have no trouble finding volunteers for any of the committee's projects, but they are always the same people." Barbara wishes that more people would "take part in the important co-curricular experiences that are available to them here at FIU."

Among Barbara's other activities were serving as area coordinator for the United Way representing the students and working as area supervisor for the national advisory committee for Phil Crane for President in 1980. Upon graduation this month, she hopes to attend law school in the Washington, D.C., area, and later work for the State of Florida. She will then begin her trip toward the governorship.
Senior attains life goals

"Since my early childhood, my two goals were to be a mother and an artist. My first goal has been attained with six children, three boys and three girls. Now I am over my head into achieving my second goal," states June Tobias, a senior art major.

June relates that her earliest memory is "the joy of drawing on paper with pencil," and says that she has always been involved in some form of art. "In elementary school it was always my responsibility to come up with classroom decorations."

Her young adult years alternated between modeling, designing dresses, and "having babies." She continues, "I later designed costumes for stage productions and the Orange Bowl Parade." June also served as graphic artist for the 1979 Elan, doing all the artwork in this book.

As to her career, June says, "Ten years ago, I was the first female executive of a major corporation as their Director of Advertising. Marriage and a temporary move to London ended that career."

June graduates this month with a 4.0 average, commenting, "I think we are extremely fortunate to live at a time when education is made available to everyone, regardless of age or income. I am an example of this broadening of educational opportunities."

"FIU is an asset"

"FIU and its faculty are an asset to the Miami area, providing a needed source of educational opportunities to all professions," stated Eduardo Rivas, currently working on his masters degree. Eduardo received two bachelors degrees in education from FIU last December and is currently working as a graduate assistant with the International Affairs Office and the Secondary Education Division. In addition, he is teaching high school at South Florida Military Academy.

Named the School of Education's Outstanding Student in 1978 and the SGA's Outstanding Senator the same year, Eduardo served a full year as the comptroller of the SGA. He sees involvement with student activities and organizations as "a must if a university is to serve the needs of all the students."

Eduardo has also held the post of president of both the Association of Students in Education and the college Republicans, and was on the search committee for the Dean of Education.
Program merits acclaim

"I believe," comments Jude Ferreira, "that the university's School of Hospitality Management has the finest graduates in the industry. Jude is from Bombay, India, where he studied at St. Xavier's University and met his wife Renita. She completed her master's degree in education before the couple moved to New Delhi, where Jude finished his bachelor's in business.

In pursuit of a career in the hotel and restaurant industry, Jude brought his wife and daughter Pierrette to this country. He attended Sullivan County Community College in upstate New York, where in 1977 he was awarded a citation for banquet decoration by the International Hotel and Motel Association. Jude was also named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The couple then moved to South Florida, where Jude completed his bachelor's program in hotel and restaurant management. He is now finishing his master's degree in hotel administration and concurrently fulfilling the requirements for the American Dietetic Association. Renita is earning her bachelor's in travel and tourism, dividing her time between classes and their children. Upon graduation, the couple would like to return to the Middle East where they will try to be employed as a team in the growing hospitality industry in that part of the world.
Students should get involved

"Students are cheating themselves by not getting involved. By not becoming a part of the university, students are not realizing the fullest potential of the education available to them.

"Getting involved is an essential part of a well-rounded education," says Carlene Sawyer, an active member of the International Business Club and the Financial Management National Honor Society Association.

As a commuter college, we suffer a lack of cohesiveness. Students take no personal interest in the university, so the university cannot properly perform its function of service for student and community. If students are not taking advantage of the services offered by the university, the funding could be stopped and these services no longer available."

Carlene is currently taking a double major in finance and international business policy. As a native Miamian, she believes in the future of our bi-cultural city as a major trade and banking center, and she feels that the growth of FIU is only possible with the support of the city and the surrounding Latin American communities.

For her leisure time activities, Carlene began jogging one and one half years ago in order to keep in shape while teaching tap dancing. Now she tries to squeeze her average of five miles a day between her heavy class schedule and working as hostess for an exclusive Coconut Grove club.
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Another deviation from the college norm is our working student population. The average student here is 28, with a full-time job and a family to support, in addition to an education to see to. With a spouse and a house, he or she only wants to collect credits and get on with it! There's very little involvement here.

This year, to stir up student interest, the SGA gave away t-shirts to get the students to vote in campus elections and the Elan had to give away free beer to get students to have their class photos taken! Hopefully, as the campus grows, so will the student interest.

In case some of you haven't gotten the drift of the book this year, Elan has taken up Art Deco as our theme and our cause. We weren't even born when this art style originally flourished, but we are really excited about its comeback on Miami Beach. It will be a real shame if the architecture of that area isn't preserved as it should be. Special thanks to Woody VonDraec for sharing his art and knowledge of that era. We're proud to have his work in our book.

The "Elan Survivors" have struggled with this book from September to February, through miles of film, volumes of typing, gallons of diet pepsi and days without sleep... we've amazed ourselves with our perseverance! Thanks for hanging in there! We know it wasn't always fun. I personally would like to thank Pat Fletcher and Laurel Lanier for their all-around dedication. They made sacrifices through the year that I could not have reasonably asked of them. A yearbook takes a lot; thanks for giving so much!

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When she's not playing college student or yearbook editor you can find her in our "Branch Office"... the Rat!

We also extend appreciation to our contributors: George Kenney, Jerry Margolin, Cheryl Altany-Straus, Richard Thompson, "O.B." Joe Kaplan, Paul Bernis, Ed Rivas, Mike Upright, George Valcarce and Marie Quinn.

Enjoy!

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