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FRIENDLY FRESHMAN FUN: This tenuous pyramid of freshmen was part of the "ice breaker" games conducted on the Tamiami Campus in late July when the nearly 200 first-ever FIU freshmen met for testing and orientation. Antonia San Jorge, Faculty Scholar and student orientation team member, directs the freshmen toward the finish line during the day's activities.

August 26: A day to remember

Four-Year FIU!

**COME
CELEBRATE
FIU'S FIRST
FRESHMAN
FESTIVAL**

Wed., August 26

Noon, Primera Casa Steps

August 26 will be a day for all of us to remember, a day which will be well-documented in FIU's historical archives.

That day marks the commencement of FIU as a four-year state

university, when the university's first-ever freshmen come to campus for their first classes.

In commemoration of this milestone, all FIU faculty, staff and students are invited to come to the front steps of the Primera Casa building on the Tamiami Campus to honor FIU's "first-class first class" during the First Freshman Festival from noon to 1 p.m.

Bands will play while the students, faculty, staff, dignitaries and university officials gather to honor the first freshmen and thank the state legislators who worked for the Lower Division funding. After a brief ceremony, food, music, games and a tug-of-war will take the participants to the Owa Ehan lake area.

To facilitate 100 percent participation of university person-
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news

Parking discussions continue

The main bone of contention in FIU's proposed new parking regulations is the \$12.50 parking fee.

Many university employees have registered their discontent with this charge, which is \$7.50 more than last year's fee of \$5.

Karel King, chairperson of the Traffic Advisory Council which drew up the provisions, said that she understands these protests because she, too, disagreed with the concept of parking fees before she knew all the services which were provided by those fees.

She said, "When I came to FIU in 1974, I, too, found it very irritating that we should have to pay to park, especially out in this huge area. It has only been since I have been working with the council that I have come to realize that a fee is necessary, or we would virtually be parking out in an uncared-for field."

The council has enumerated the following reasons for requiring parking fees, a decision which is left to the discretion of each state university:

- Monies raised through fees are needed to build and maintain parking lots and provide striping, signage, lighting, sidewalks and drainage ditches.
- The state does not fund the university system for any of these expenses except as part of the cost of constructing a new building. Recent cutbacks have left no funds for developing or maintaining parking or sidewalk facilities.
- Necessary projects such as re-sealing and restriping the PC and OE parking lots, plus the support services needed to complete the project, will cost about \$90,000, an amount which must be acquired through parking fees. More than 11,000 students paying \$7.50 each and 1,300 faculty and staff paying \$12.50 each will raise that amount.

King also said that improved safety and maintenance and "secure, adequate, designated parking for everyone" will be financed with the fees.

Mariel exam results announced

Thirty percent of the Mariel refugees who took the FIU all-English engineering entrance examination on Aug. 4 passed.

The pilot test, composed by FIU engineering faculty to determine proficiency in several phases of engineering, marked a local university's first attempt to admit the Mariel refugees, who had been engineering students in Cuba, to upper-level degree programs.

Of the 180 tested, 54 passed the test and have been recommended for admission to FIU's engineering programs for Fall Semester. Of those who passed, 27 were in electrical engineering, 12 in mechanical engineering, 12 in civil engineering and three in other areas. All must take regular English courses as part of their work.

Manuel Cereijo, associate professor of Engineering Technology, is the administrator of the test. Individuals who could not participate in the first test or who did not pass it may take a second test to be administered on Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in AT 100. For more information call Cereijo at 552-2807.

Report on black statistics released

The Division of Student Affairs has recently issued a report to the Office of Minority Affairs and Women's Concerns (OMAWC) on progress FIU has made in recruitment and retention of black students.

The FIU report states that the university enrollment of black undergraduates accepted at FIU has increased more than 15 percent since fall 1978, and the attrition rate of black undergraduates since then has decreased by three percent.

Degrees earned by black undergraduates have increased by over 20 percent. Black applicants to graduate programs have increased by over 60 percent and black enrollment in graduate programs has increased from 6.4 percent of black/white students in the fall of 1978 to over 10 percent in the fall of 1980. Black students admitted to graduate programs have increased by approximately 17 percent since fall

1978, and graduate degrees earned by black students have increased by 59 percent.

Reports from FIU and other SUS institutions are being used by Chancellor Barbara Newell's office to show SUS compliance with a 1974 federal court order and 1978 revision to that order for states to eliminate dual education.

Census data workshop offered

Census Bureau representatives will provide updated information on demographics from the 1980 census at a workshop on the Tamiami Campus Wed., Aug. 26.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the session, which will include information on the availability and retrieval of data from the most recent census results, with emphasis on minorities and women. The workshop is designed to be especially useful to persons compiling backup data for grant applications.

The session, which is free, will be in AT 132 on the first floor of

the Library from 9 a.m. until noon. It is sponsored by the Library and the Affirmative Action Office in Personnel Services.

To register for the limited spaces available, call 552-2461 or 552-2785.

Season soccer tickets available

The FIU Sunblazers, runners-up for the NCAA Division II national soccer championship last year, are looking for university community support in reaching the top spot this year.

The team, which had a 13-4 record last season, starts its 1981 home schedule Fri., Sept. 11, against Seattle Pacific, and will play the 1981 homecoming game Sept. 26 against the University of South Florida.

Season tickets for the eight home games, at \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$25 for families, are available from the Athletic Department, 552-2756.

Coach Karl Kremser said, "The Sunblazers will go for the gold in 1981, and their upcoming season pro-



FIRST-CLASS FIRST CLASS: Pres. Gregory B. Wolfe admires the T-shirt worn by Freshman Ernie Anton from Hialeah/Miami Lakes High School, with Clair McElfresh, Lower Division director, right, and freshmen Ginny Hillyer, South Dade High, and Julio Benitez of New York. All freshmen will wear similar T-shirts for the First Freshman Festival Aug. 26 on the Tamiami Campus.

mises to be the most exciting, entertaining campaign ever."

Coastal conference tape available

Kathy Abrams, coordinator for continuing education, FIU/FAU Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems, and Michael Munroe of the Learning Resources Center, have co-produced and directed a half-hour video tape on "Florida's Coast: Who Should Use It In The 1980s."

The tape, based on a conference, is done in Spanish and English and is available for viewing through the film libraries at both campuses.

Gov. Bob Graham spoke at the conference along with environmentalists and industry leaders from throughout Florida.

Ch. 17-WLRN will air the English version of the program Sun., Aug. 30, at 3:30 p.m. The Spanish tape will be shown Sun., Sept. 6, at the same time.

For more information call 940-5888.

Changes made to travel law

Several significant changes to the travel law which will affect all travelers on university business were made by the Florida Legislature in the 1981 session.

An individual on out-of-state business is allowed actual expenses for lodging, plus set amounts for meals, all of which must be documented by receipts. The in-state traveler is allowed a fixed per diem rate of \$50, or, if rates are more expensive, show receipts for reimbursement.

The mileage allowance for use of a private vehicle for business is now 20 cents per mile, one cent more than in the past fiscal year.

All the new rules are now in effect. For more information, call Jean Duguid or Grace Brown in the Controller's Office, 552-2541.

FIU Theater seeks costumes

Don't throw away that plumed hat or old tuxedo.

The FIU Theater is always in need of such items to be added to its costume shop.

Therold Todd, theater director at FIU, said, "We could use some new life in our costume shop. So I appeal to the community to send us their good old clothes as an addition to the store of clothing we use to dress the actors and actresses in our plays."

He added that the items do not have to be that unusual, and that any old clothing that is still in good condition could be utilized.

Todd also encourages people who are cleaning out attics of older homes, or handling an estate, to consider giving any antique clothing to the FIU Theater.

He said, "The most popular items in the costume shop of another theater with which I was associated were the turn-of-the-century vintage top hats and tails that had been bequeathed to the theater during the dissolution of an estate. Such a windfall would be a tremendous boon for the FIU Theater."

Anyone with clothing to donate to the FIU Theater costume shop is asked to call Todd at 552-2895.

Jobs open

Tamiami: Sec'y III (half time), Stud. Aff.; Grndskpr. I, Phys. Plant; Comp. Oper. Mgr. I, Comp. Sys. & Svcs.; Plan. & Budg. Coord., Off. of Res. Analysis; Exec. Sec'y I, Pres. Off.; Sec'y III, Publications; Scien. Progr., Acad. Comp. Svcs.; Sys. Coord., SERDAC (FAU); CT III, Voc. Ed.; Grndskpr. I, Phys. Plant; Comp. Sys. Analysis Super., Comp. Sys. & Svcs.; Med. Tech. II, Med. Tech.; Comp. Sys. Analyst II, Comp. Sys. & Svcs.; Comp. Prog. III, Comp. Sys. & Svcs.; AV Mat. Mgr., Media; CT III, SOE; Pers. Aide, Pers.

Bay Vista: Sec'y III, Univ. Rel.; Sec'y III, Nurs. Prog.; Sec'y III, Phys. Plan.; Sec'y III, Soc. Work; LTA Super. II, Library; AV Mat. Mgr., Media; Refrig. Mech.; Sec'y IV, Cont. Ed.; CT III, Pub. Aff.; Adm. Couns., Ext. Deg.; Univ. Phys. Plan. Consult.; Phys. Plan.

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calendar

August 19-22

9 a.m. Daily. Archigraphics and Architectural Communication Workshop, SC 320, Bay Vista. Call 940-5651 for information.

August 20

1:30 p.m. Elders Forum, "A Complete Overview of the Critical Middle East Situation," Cheryl Rubenberg, ass't prof., Int'l Rel., TC 333, Bay Vista. Call 940-5910 for more information.

1:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Film, "1941," with John Belushi and Dan Ackroyd, SC 100, Bay Vista, free. Also Aug. 21 at 12:30, 6, 8 and 10 p.m.

August 21

9 a.m. International Student Orientation, UH 213, Tamiami.

August 26

Fall Semester begins.

9 a.m. to noon. Census Data Workshop, AT 132, Tamiami, free. Call 552-2785 to register.

Noon to 1 p.m. First Freshman Festival celebration, PC steps and OE lake area, Tamiami, free.

August 27

1:30, 6 and 8 p.m. Film, "Alien," with Tom Sherrit and Sigourney Weaver, UH 140, Tamiami, free. Also Aug. 28 at 12:30, 6, 8 and 10 p.m.

5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Film, "Fame," with Irene Cara, SC 100, Bay Vista, free. Also Aug. 28 at 8 and 10:15 p.m.

September 1

1:30 p.m. Faculty Senate Meeting, UH 213W, Tamiami.

September 2

10 a.m. to noon. Career Service Senate meeting, PC 211, Tamiami.

September 3-November 26

6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, General Principles of Insurance Course, TR 113, Bay Vista. Call 940-5651 for more information.

September 11-October 9

"A Collector's Eye: the Olga Hirshhorn Collection," Visual Arts Gallery, PC 112, Tamiami, free. Call 552-2890 for details.

September 12

8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Evaluation and Treatment Planning for Public School Therapists, TC 333A and B, Bay Vista. Call 940-5651 for more information.

September 22-26

FIU Homecoming Festivities

September 26

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. South Florida Journalism Day, UH and AT 100, Tamiami.

8 p.m. Senior Voice Recital, Chris Bishop, AT 100, Tamiami, free.

FITS schedule for Fall Semester

The free inter-campus FITS shuttle service for FIU students, faculty and staff will run on the following schedule for Fall Semester, from Aug. 26 to Dec. 15:

<u>Depart Tamiami</u>	<u>Arrive Bay Vista</u>
8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
9:55 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
3:20 p.m.	4:20 p.m.
* 6:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
* 9:10 p.m.	10:00 p.m.

<u>Depart Bay Vista</u>	<u>Arrive Tamiami</u>
9:05 a.m.	9:50 a.m.
11:00 a.m.	11:55 a.m.
1:40 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
5:10 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
* 7:45 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
* 10:30 p.m.	11:20 p.m.

*These trips do not operate on Fridays.

people/ research

Pres. Gregory B. Wolfe spoke at a meeting of the Greater Miami Chapter of the United Nations Association of the U.S. July 29 at the University of Miami; on July 30 he discussed his recent trip to China at a luncheon meeting of the Coral Gables Rotary Club, held at the Country Club of Coral Gables...Leonardo Rodriguez, dean, SBOS, and Marvin Nesbit, dir., SBDC, were in Ft. Lauderdale last month to attend a community reception honoring Michael Cardenas, administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration...Rodriguez and Leandro Nunez, instr., Accounting, co-authored an article entitled "Algó Nuevo en la Ensenanza de la Contabilidad para CPAs en Lengua Espanola" which appeared in a publication of the University of Puerto Rico's School of Business...Edmund Skellings, prof., Communications, has been granted a patent for a color graphics display system that organizes color combinations into a high-level language in the identical way spoken language makes words from voice sounds...Rolf Auster, prof., Accounting, is the author of an article entitled "When to Elect Alternate Valuation" which appeared in the May/June issue of The Estates, Gifts and Trusts Journal...Myron Lubell, assoc. prof., Accounting, has been voted president-elect of the newly-organized South Dade Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and Irving Fantl, prof., was named to the chapter's board of directors...Doria Yeaman, lecturer, Accounting, recently attended a two-day Practicing Law Institute seminar on accountants' liability in New York...Steven Altman, vice pres., Acad. Aff., has been re-appointed for a two-year period to the Special Master Roster of the State of Florida's

Public Employees Relations Commission...Richard Duncan, ass't prof., Visual Arts, juried an art show held recently at Cauley Square in South Dade...Jack Kogan, karate instr., Intercollegiate Athletics/Rec. Sports, placed fourth in individual karate competition during the recent Maccabiah Games held in Tel Aviv...Joan Friedenber, visit. ass't prof., Subj. Spec., and Curtis Bradley, prof., Voc. Ed., co-authored an article, "Communication Skill for the Adult ESL Student: A Microcounseling Approach," which was accepted for publication in the TESOL Quarterly...Gabriel Auriol, assoc. prof., Indus. Sys., was a guest speaker at the annual Vocational Educators' Summer Workshop held this month in Orlando, where he discussed "Fire Service Education: The New Decade"...E. Turban, prof., Management, will take a year's leave of absence to fill a visiting professorship to teach graduate courses on operations research at UCLA...Donald Greenaway, visit. dist. prof., Hosp. Mgt., served on a Metro-Dade committee that served to evaluate offers to manage the Miami International Airport Hotel, which is owned by the county...Harvey Hendrickson, prof., Accounting, returned to the university recently after completing a nine-month appointment as a Faculty Fellow at the Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

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FIU research funding grows in 1980-81

FIU's Division of Sponsored Research and Training is now preparing its annual report, which, when completed in late September, is expected to reflect a large increase in funding the university has acquired in the past year from federal, state and local government agencies and private foundations.

The division is responsible for identifying possible sources of funding for research and training.

Catherine F. Kennedy, assistant director, Sponsored Research, recently issued a report of funding funneled through the division for the month of July 1981.

That report reflects a total of 11 ongoing or new projects which received additional or initial funding during the month that added up to nearly \$300,000.

The largest amounts received included \$201,156 from the U.S. Dept. of Education to continue the "Parents Can Be Tutors" project; a \$33,840 Service Through the Application of Research (STAR) grant for Anthony Maingot, chairperson/professor,

Sociology/Anthropology, to continue his research of the impact of refugees in South Florida; a \$27,658 STAR grant to Paul Wood, associate professor, Drinking Water Research Center, for his project, "Behavior and Fate of Hazardous Organic Chemicals in Contaminated Groundwater"; a \$25,000 contract with the City of Opa Locka for Donald Klingner, associate professor, Public Administration, to conduct a training program on policies and procedures to govern operations of the city.

In the past year, Sponsored Research has identified sources of funding or worked with academic units which have already identified sources in applying for and acquiring funds.

Examples include a \$2.67 million federal grant to SOE's Center for Latino Education to open refugee training centers and a \$666,739 federal grant for SOE to establish the South Atlantic Bilingual Educational Services (SABES) Center at Bay Vista. Both were U.S. Office of Education grants.



FIU'S FIRST FRESHMAN: Laura Metscher, the first student to sign up for FIU's first freshman class back in 1980, checks out the Biological Sciences Department's research during a tour of the university by Arts and Sciences Dean James A. Mau. Laura plans to study to be a veterinarian.

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August 26: A day to remember (cont.)

nel, Steven Altman, vice president for Academic Affairs, will suspend all classes from noon to 1 p.m. All offices may close and dial 2176 or 2178 to put telephone lines on a recorded message explaining the nature of the historical university-wide celebration and asking persons to call again after 1 p.m.

August 26 also marks another milestone in FIU history: the change-over from the quarter to the semester system, with the year being divided into three semesters rather than four quarters.

This State University System-wide switch to the semester system brings several changes, including those in course hours, fees and the academic calendar.

The advent of freshmen at FIU, who have an average GPA of 3.5 and average SAT score of 1062, also means some changes in the academic realm.

James A. Mau, dean of Arts and Sciences, under whose college most of the Lower Division courses will be taught, said that new courses in writing, mathematics, languages, natural and social sciences and the arts have been developed and will continue to evolve as the class grows and advances to the second year.

The lower level courses, Mau said, will also be offered to upper division students with deficiencies and others interested in the topic.

The English Language Skills Center, recently approved by the Board of Regents, will coordinate all the ongoing activities relating to Eng-

lish language skills development, including the Intensive English Program, writing labs, testing and placement.

Remedial courses in mathematics and English will also be offered to freshmen who might need them. Likewise, advanced students will be able to skip some lower level courses, based on test results. Accelerated education is also available through the Faculty Scholars program.

In funding the \$1.2 million Lower Division program, the Florida Legislature also provided for some 30 faculty positions.

Many of the courses for the blue-ribbon freshman class, however, will be taught by experienced professors rather than new faculty.

Mau said, "We have a commitment to the Board of Regents, noted in the proposal, not to use large numbers of instructors or graduate assistants to teach these freshman classes.

"A large percentage of the persons teaching the freshmen will be ranking professors," he said, adding that faculty, instead of non-academic advisers, will provide all academic advising services.

Two new faculty members each in English, mathematics and modern languages have already been hired. Six more are in the interview stage, and two are being selected from among finalists. Still to be hired are four each in English and math, two in modern languages and one in physical sciences.



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