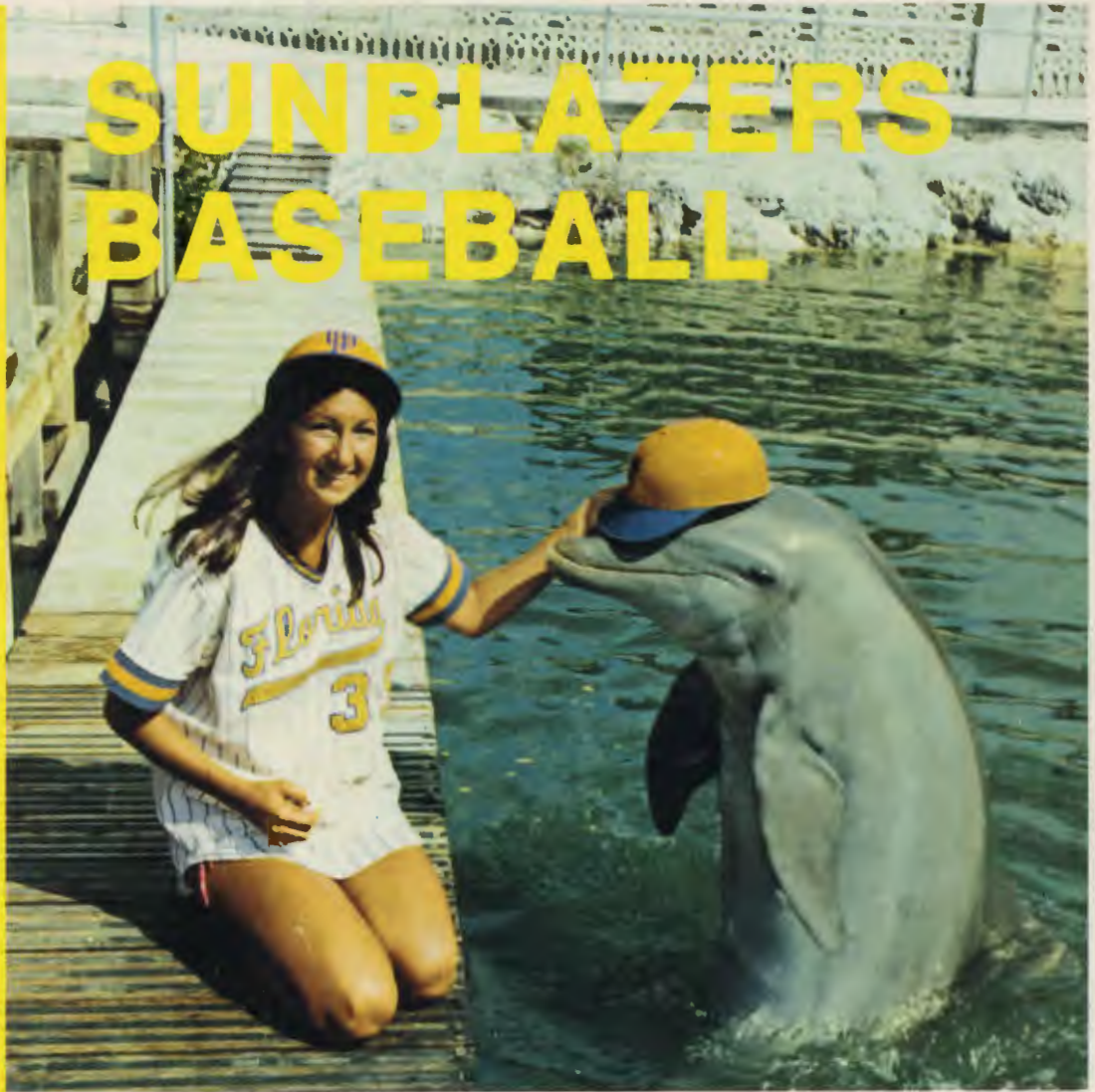


SUNBLAZERS BASEBALL

'74



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY • TAMiami TRAIL • MIAMI, FLORIDA

BASEBALL 1974 SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

Wed. Feb. 6	At Miami-Dade J.C. — Central . . . Flamingo Park	8:00 PM
Fri. Feb. 8	At Miami-Dade J.C. — North	3:00
Thr. Feb. 14	At Miami-Dade J.C. — South	3:00
Fri. Feb. 15	At Broward J.C.	3:00
Sat. Feb. 23	St. Leo College . . . At Dade North	2:00
Sun. Feb. 24	St. Leo College . . . At Dade North	2:00
Tue. Feb. 26	At University of Miami	7:30
Thr. Feb. 28	At Miami-Dade J.C. — North	3:00

MARCH

Mon. Mar. 4	St. Joseph's College (Pa.)	3:00
Sat. Mar. 9	St. Joseph's College	2:00
Sun. Mar. 10	St. Joseph's College	2:00
Wed. Mar. 13	Indiana University (2)	1:30
Thr. Mar. 14	Buffalo University	3:00
Fri. Mar. 15	Buffalo University	3:00
Sat. Mar. 16	Indiana University	2:00
Sun. Mar. 17	New Haven University	2:00
Mon. Mar. 18	Florida State University	3:00
Tue. Mar. 19	Hartwick College (N.Y.)	11:00 AM
Tue. Mar. 19	Indiana State University	3:00
Wed. Mar. 20	East Stroudsburg State College (Pa.)	3:00
Thr. Mar. 21	Indiana State University	3:00
Fri. Mar. 22	Southern Illinois University (2)	1:30
Sat. Mar. 23	Southern Illinois University	2:00
Sun. Mar. 24	Wesleyan University	2:00
Tue. Mar. 26	Pace College (N.Y.)	3:00
Wed. Mar. 27	Pace College	3:00
Thr. Mar. 28	University of Massachusetts	3:00
Fri. Mar. 29	University of Massachusetts	3:00
Sat. Mar. 30	University of Massachusetts	2:00
Sun. Mar. 31	Wesleyan University (Conn.)	2:00

APRIL

Mon. Apr. 1	Colby College (Maine)	11:00 AM
Mon. Apr. 1	Wesleyan University	3:00
Wed. Apr. 3	At University of Miami	7:30
Thr. Apr. 4	Colby College	11:00 AM
Sun. Apr. 7	John Jay College (N.Y.)	2:00
Tue. Apr. 9	Miami-Dade J.C. — North	3:00
Thr. Apr. 11	At Georgia Southern College	7:30
Fri. Apr. 12	At Georgia Southern College	3:00
Sat. Apr. 13	At Jacksonville University	2:00
Sun. Apr. 14	At Jacksonville University	2:00
Mon. Apr. 15	At Florida State University (2)	1:30
Wed. Apr. 17	Miami-Dade J.C. — South	3:00
Fri. Apr. 19	Miami-Dade J.C. — Central	3:00
Sat. Apr. 20	At University of Tampa	2:00
Sun. Apr. 21	At University of Tampa	2:00
Mon. Apr. 22	Broward J.C.	3:00
Tue. Apr. 23	University of Miami	3:00
Wed. Apr. 24	At Miami-Dade J.C. — South	3:00
Fri. Apr. 26	Miami-Dade J.C. — North	3:00
Sat. Apr. 27	At Biscayne College	2:00
Mon. Apr. 29	Miami-Dade J.C. — South	3:00
Tue. Apr. 30	Biscayne College	3:00

MAY

Tue. May 7	University of Miami	3:00
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It is a whole new ball game . . .

MEDIA INFORMATION

It is with great pleasure that we present you with this copy of SUNBLAZERS BASEBALL '74. We hope this fact book will supply all the information about the SUNBLAZERS that you will need. Its contents will be supplemented by Sports Information Office releases, pictures and column material during the season.

Sincerely;

Julio C. Zangroniz
Assistant Director
Sports Information Office



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FIU FACTS

Name: Florida International University / Location: Tamiami Trail, Miami, Florida 33144 / Founded: 1965 / Type: The State University System of Florida / Enrollment: 9,200 students / Team's Nickname: Sunblazers / Colors: Blue and Gold / Conference: NCAA District Three Independent / Membership: Associate Member of NCAA

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When you wear the FIU cap!



CHARLES E. PERRY

PRESIDENT

"When we opened Florida International University for classes in September, 1972, we also began a full-scale intercollegiate athletic program in five sports. In that first year we had an overall winning record in those five sports — soccer, baseball, golf, tennis and wrestling.

This was an accomplishment no first year university has ever matched. In our athletic programs, we entered to win, and we did just that. We intend to continue winning."

Dr. Charles E. Perry is the first and only president of Florida International University, which he has watched grow from an abandoned airport into a \$26 million campus with close to 10,000 students and a faculty and staff of 1,000 in just four years.

A native of West Virginia, he rose from public school teacher to university president in just 10 years. He was graduated with honors from Ohio's Bowling Green State University, and in 1971 was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in America by the U.S. Jaycees.

PAUL E. HARTMAN

CHAIRMAN, DIVISION OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ATHLETICS

"The administration at Florida International University including the President, the Athletic Council and the Director of Athletics have made a firm commitment to excellence in regards to the University's baseball team.

We have put a great deal of money into developing one of the finest facilities in the country and have put forth effort into scheduling the best teams available including a number of games in foreign countries.

It is our hope that the men who participate in this program will represent this effort by themselves being outstanding individuals.

Florida International University in a very short time has become recognized not only for its outstanding educational and athletic programs, but for its uniqueness in meeting the needs of today's youth. We hope that you will seriously consider becoming a part of our fine program as we strive for national recognition and the NCAA championship."





VASKIN BADALOW

COORDINATOR OF ATHLETICS

Vaskin Badalow was a 1955 graduate and former grid star at Eastern Michigan University. He returned to his Alma Mater as an assistant football coach in the fall of 1969 and 1970.

During his playing days, Badalow was an outstanding offensive lineman and was named to the Interstate Inter-collegiate Athletic Conference all-conference team in 1951.

Following graduation from Eastern Michigan, Badalow served on the football coaching staffs of Dearborn High School, Dearborn-Divine Child High School, and head coach at Wayne Memorial High School.

In 1971, Badalow served as the linebacker coach at Wake Forest University.



JULIO BLANCO — HERRERA

BASEBALL CONSULTANT FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Julio Blanco-Herrera left Cuba in January, 1959 with the advent of the Castro regime.

His late father was an early promoter of baseball in Cuba and the 25,000-seat Tropical Stadium in Havana was owned by Tropical Brewery, of which the younger Herrera was president and principal stockholder.

Settled in Miami as president of Maltina Corporation, Blanco-Herrera has followed the tradition of interest in sports. In addition to his involvement with FIU baseball and with the Latin American baseball academy (composed of 270 youngsters from age 8 to 16), he is a member of the Jose Marti Amateur League.

He is also president of the Miami Cubans, a team composed of Cuban and American baseball players, and takes a very active interest in their activities.

THE UNIVERSITY

Florida International University opened on its Tamiami Campus at Miami in the fall of 1972 with 5,667 students — the largest first-year enrollment of any college or university in the history of the United States. By the early 1980's when the university will have two campuses — Tamiami and Interama in North Dade — the number of students is expected to grow to more than 30,000.

A full-fledged member of the State University System, Florida International serves juniors, seniors and graduate students. Admission is granted without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin.

The University has a three-dimensional commitment of service: to its students, its community, and its world. With primary responsibility to Greater Miami and South Florida, Florida International also draws students from all parts of the nation and many foreign countries. Its campus at the Interama site on upper Biscayne Bay, scheduled to open in 1976 in conjunction with America's Bicentennial celebration, will become an integral part of the new international cultural and trade center.

Academically, Florida International offers a blend of higher education's proven features of the past and innovations of the present such as new methods of evaluating and grading, student work, and an individualized program of study for each student. Going beyond the walls of the classroom, the university has developed programs in various areas to include off-campus, real-life experiences.

Emphasized, too, is the international perspective leading to better understanding of our multinational world.



Main entrance of Primera Casa

Academic divisions of the university include the College of Arts and Sciences; School of Business; School of Education; School of Health and Social Services, School of Hotel, Food and Travel Services; School of Technology, and School of Independent Studies. In addition, there are the Division of University Services and Continuing Education, the Center for International Affairs and the Center for Urban and Environmental Affairs.

Seeking more efficient and effective approaches to learning, Florida International links classroom and laboratory work with off-campus and field study,



GOALS OF FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

1. To provide action-oriented education for students so that they can live more personally satisfying and socially useful lives.
2. To serve the Greater Miami and South Florida region in meeting the ecological, cultural, social and urban challenges which it faces.
3. To become a major international center with emphasis on helping achieve greater mutual understanding among the Americas and throughout the world.

SUNBLAZERS TOUR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

Florida International University's Sunblazers baseball team, which posted a winning 41-25 record in its first year, spent 10 days touring three Central American countries last Spring.

The 28-man squad played 10 games during their trip through Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, winning seven times.

Baseball in Central America . . . College, ballplayers are given the hearty welcome of heroes, in a land where people from all levels of society abandon their daily routines to attend athletic activities. The Florida International baseball squad and Coach Tom Wonderling went with the promotion of American collegiate interests in mind. They emerged from Latin American soil after what Coach Wonderling termed "the culmination of a hard working, patient and understanding season on the part of the players."

The visit to Central America marked the end of the efforts of the school's first baseball squad within the collegiate baseball ranks.

Coach Wonderling plans to make similar Latin American tours a yearly affair.

THE BEGINNING OF A

NEW PROGRAM

Florida International University, which began operation September, 1972, is not any place for a faint-hearted baseball coach.

"I don't expect to win any NCAA titles in the first year," said university president Charles E. Perry, "but I'll reevaluate that position the second year."

Tom Wonderling is confidently planning to meet the challenge — even though it may have been a little tongue-in-cheek. His Austin Peay State University team (Clarksville, Tennessee) won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship in 1971 with a 38-12 record.

Wonderling was selected from more than 100 applicants by Paul E. Hartman, Chairman of the University's Division of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics and Doyt L. Perry, Associate Director of Athletics.

Wonderling was just the aggressive, energetic, successful young talent that Hartman and Perry were looking for.

Why did Wonderling want the job?

"Because in the creative and experimental attitude at Florida International I see a bright future for athletics, as well as education," Wonderling answers.

Recruiting was Wonderling's first chore and his efforts were aimed primarily at the junior college level in Florida International's immediate area. The University is an upper division (junior and senior level) institution and must depend largely on the community college for students.

With the players he gathered in Florida, and a few who followed from Austin Peay State University, Wonderling feels he has done pretty well.

The new school is going to play a 56-game spring schedule and a 10 game tour of Central America.

The team will be playing home games on a borrowed field this spring, but work will be under way on a one million dollar sports complex, which will include a game field, a practice infield, five batting cages, four pitching machines and a field house.



**HEAD COACH
TOM WONDERLING**

Tom Wonderling is in his second year as head of the baseball program at Florida International University, where he is striving to develop a caliber of baseball second to none in the nation.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Wonderling came to the Florida International campus with the intention of building a dynasty and winning tradition as soon as possible. The Sunblazers head coach is considered one of the nation's top recruiters. Perhaps the best example of this ability was in his success with the junior college players he recruited at Austin Peay State University, prior to having come to F.I.U. Under the careful scrutiny of Wonderling, his 1971 ball club finished the season with a sparkling 38-12 record

and won the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

Wonderling's personal background, like his coaching ability, is indicative of the future that lies ahead of the 31 year old baseball strategist. He holds the bachelor of science degree from Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, the master of education degree from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, and the specialist in educational administration degree from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. While at Bowling Green, he was an assistant baseball coach primarily working with the pitchers and catchers.

Prior to his having worked as an assistant at B.C.S.U., the youthful Wonderling was active in coaching for seven years in the sandlot, high school and junior college level. He posted a tremendous record of 244 wins and only 34 losses in his first seven years for a fantastic .871 winning percentage. His two years of high school coaching (Bishop Ready High in Columbus, Ohio) saw him post a 48 - 26 record, including the high school summer title and the Central Catholic League title, both in 1967. Prior to his being named "Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year" in 1971, Wonderling's most notable accomplishment was, as a 21 year old coach of a Babe Ruth team in Columbus, Ohio. He took his team to the Babe Ruth World Series in California, finishing third. He was the youngest coach in the history of Babe Ruth competition to take a team to the world series.

Married to the former Virginia Sparks of Columbia, Kentucky, the F.I.U. head coach and his wife are the parents of a daughter, Cindy Jo.

FIU DIRECTORY

ADMINISTRATION

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BASEBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Tom Wonderling
Asst. Coach	Dennis Bunnell
Asst. Coach	Ralph Schmelmer
Statistician	Mike Baldwin

VARSITY COACHES

Soccer	Greg Myers
Wrestling	Sid Huitema
Golf	Bobby Shave
Tennis	Bill Fleming

1974 SUNBLAZERS

HEAD COACH: TOM WONDERLING

ASSISTANTS: DENNIS BUNNELL, RALPH SCHMELMER

NAME	Position	B-T	Age (DOB)	HT	WT	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Ralph Alvarez	P	R-R	20 (3-7-53)	6-2	170	Jr.	Miami, Florida
Jesse Campbell	OF	R-R	20 (11-21-52)	5-10	180	Jr.	Miami, Florida
Doug Cornett	C	R-R	21 (6-15-52)	6-4	225	Sr.	Richmond, Kentucky
Derek Crass	OF	R-R	21 (2-8-52)	5-8	160	Sr.	Clarksville, Tennessee
Juan Diaz	OF	L-L	21 (8-17-52)	5-8	155	So.	Miami, Florida
Bill Fireline	P	L-L	21 (8-12-52)	6-1	195	Sr.	Owensboro, Kentucky
Hector Florin	P	R-R	21(9-19-52)	6-0	185	Jr.	Miami, Florida
Rick Fuentes	INF	R-R	21 (6-1-52)	5-10	160	Jr.	Miami, Florida
Phil Hollar	P	L-L	21 (8-3-52)	5-10	165	Sr.	Ft. Myers, Florida
Larry Hoskin	INF	L-L	21 (12-31-51)	6-2	195	Sr.	Suffield, Connecticut
Marty Jacobs	INF	R-R	20 (5-7-53)	6-2	180	Jr.	Hollywood, Florida
Gary Kelson	P	R-R	20 (3-20-53)	6-1	175	Jr.	Miami Beach, Florida
James Knox	INF	R-R	21 (10-11-52)	6-0	175	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Mike Lee	P	R-R	19 (1-18-53)	5-9	160	Jr.	Miami, Florida
Sam Lombardo	P	R-R	23 (8-14-50)	5-11	190	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Jim Pacheco	P	R-R	20 (3-25-53)	6-1	190	Jr.	Miami, Florida
Carlos Pascual	INF	R-R	20 (7-4-53)	5-10	160	Jr.	Miami, Florida
Carlos Perez	C	R-R	21(8-2-52)	5-11	210	Sr.	Miami, Florida
Danny Price	OF	R-R	22(7-1-51)	5-11	195	Sr.	Whitakers, North Carolina
Nelson Rodriguez	INF	R-R	20 (11-16-52)	6-1	170	Jr.	Tampa, Florida
Mike Sanz	INF	R-R	21 (3-25-52)	5-10	165	Sr.	Miami, Florida
Jim Sviben	OF	R-R	27 (1-14-47)	5-8	155	Jr.	Miami, Florida
Jerry Walsh	C	R-R	21 (4-7-52)	6-1	190	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio
Terry Willis	P	R-R	20 (6-19-53)	6-0	170	Jr.	Palmetto, Florida

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No	Name	Pos
1	Jesse Campbell	OF
2	Carlos Pascual	INF
3	Phil Hollar	P
4	Mike Lee	P
5	Jim Sviben	INF-OF
7	Juan Diaz	OF
8	Mike Sanz	INF
9	Rick Fuentes	INF
10	Derek Crass	OF
11	Dennis Bunnell	Ass't Coach
12	Billy Fireline	P
15	Nelson Rodriguez	INF
16	Ralph Alvarez	P
18	Jim Pacheco	P

No	Name	Pos
19	Gary Kelson	P
20	Jerry Walsh	C
21	Marty Jacobs	INF-C
22	Jim Knox	INF
23	Ralph Schmelmer	Ass't Coach
24	Larry Hoskin	INF
25	Tom Wonderling	Head Coach
26	Doug Cornett	C
27	Hector Florin	P
28	Terry Willis	P
29	Danny Price	OF
30	Sam Lombardo	P
37	Carlos Perez	C

BY POSITION

PITCHERS

No.	Name
3	Phil Hollar
18	Jim Pacheco
12	Billy Fireline
16	Ralph Alvarez
4	Mike Lee
19	Gary Kelson
27	Hector Florin
28	Terry Willis
30	Sam Lombardo

OUTFIELDERS

No.	Name
1	Jesse Campbell
5	Jim Sviben
7	Juan Diaz
10	Derek Crass
29	Danny Price

INFIELDERS

No.	Name
2	Carlos Pascual
8	Mike Sanz
9	Rick Fuentes
15	Nelson Rodriguez
21	Marty Jacobs
22	Jim Knox
24	Larry Hoskin

CATCHERS

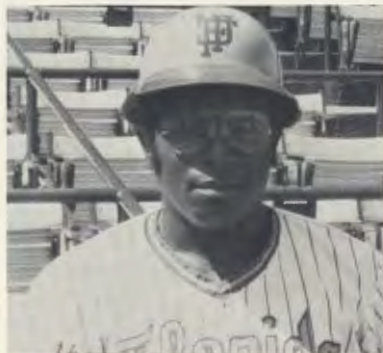
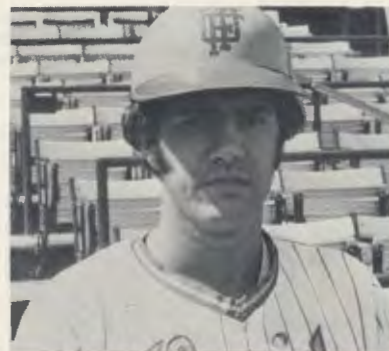
No.	Name
37	Carlos Perez
20	Jerry Walsh
26	Doug Cornett

COACHES

11	Dennis Bunnell
23	Ralph Schmelmer
25	Tom Wonderling

W	L	IP	ER	H	BB	SO	ERA
6	3	79	28	63	44	79	3.29

ALVAREZ, RALPH, 20, 6-2, 170, junior, pitcher;
Hialeah, Florida . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . a returning letterman . . . second best ERA 3.29 . . . led pitching staff in most complete games (5) . . . most strikeouts (79) . . . born 7-30-53.



CAMPBELL, JESSE, 20, 5-10, junior outfielder;
Miami, Florida . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . a versatile athlete who was drafted by the Washington Senators . . . has great enthusiasm and leadership qualities, should be a big asset to our club . . . born 11-21-52.

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	AVE	PO	A	E	AVE
57	179	21	49	9	2	2	2	3	26	45	33	.262	38	20	6	.907

CORNETT, DOUG, 21, 6-4, 225, senior, catcher;
Richmond, Kentucky . . . Criminology major in School of Health and Social Service . . . last year's starting catcher . . . hit .262 . . . a real leader on and off the field . . . played at Martin Junior College, Pulaski, Tennessee . . . defense is his strong suit . . . drafted by Oakland A's . . . born 6-15-52.

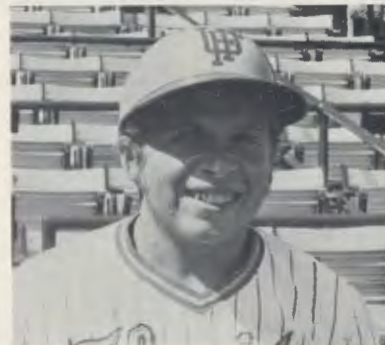




FUENTES, RICK, 21, 5-10, 152, junior shortstop;
Miami, Florida . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . drafted by the
White Sox . . . good range to both sides which will make him an asset . . . born 6-1-52.

W	L	LP	ER	H	BB	SO	ERA
3	2	43.3	23	49	21	40	4.78

HOLLAR, PHIL, 21, 5-10, 160, senior, pitcher;
Ft. Meyers, Florida . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . a returning
letterman . . . good curve . . . wasn't used enough last year . . . very effective in relief . . .
born 8-3-52.

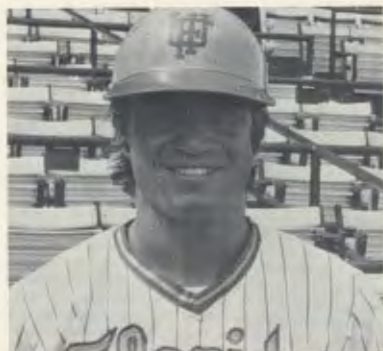
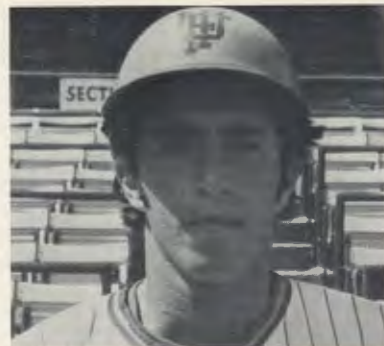


G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	AVG
17	41	5	8	3	1	1	0	3	10	11	4	.195	85	8	3	.968

HOSKIN, LARRY, 21, 6-2, 195, senior, first base;
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida . . . marketing major in School of Business and Organizational
Science . . . a returning letterman . . . good defensive glove . . . hit first home run in
Sunblazer's history . . . power is another of his assets . . . born 12-21-51.

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	AVG
62	226	39	67	13	3	9	9	4	27	27	45	.297	107	131	24	.909

JACOBS, MARTY, 20, 6-2, 180, junior, infield-of;
 Hollywood, Florida . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . 3rd leading
 hitter .297 . . . slugging pct. leader .297 . . . lead team in 7 hitting categories . . . most RBI
 45 . . . most home runs 9 . . . most doubles 13 . . . total bases 113 . . . born 5-7-53.



KELSON, GARY, 20, 6-1, 175, sophomore, pitcher;
 Miami Beach, Florida . . . Theater major in College of Arts and Sciences . . . was top
 pitcher in high school and led Miami Beach High School to the state tournament . . .
 drafted by the Washington Senators . . . improving every day . . . born 3-20-53.

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	AVG
52	146	39	35	4	3	0	10	6	33	22	20	.240	41	103	14	.912

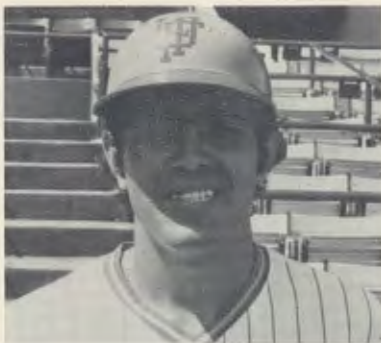
KNOX, JIM, 21, 6-0, 175, senior, third base;
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania . . . Criminology major in School of Health and Social Service
 . . . a returning letterman . . . great defensive player . . . a versatile infielder . . . can hit with
 power . . . born 10-11-52.





LEE, MICHAEL, 20, 5-9, 150, junior, pitcher;
Asbury Park, New Jersey . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . Mike
has a good fastball and a great arm with a good breaking pitch . . . drafted by the Chicago
White Sox . . . could help our program tremendously . . . born 1-18-53.

LOMBARDO, SAM, 23, 5-11, 190, senior, pitcher;
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . his varie-
ty of pitches can put him in starter's role . . . uses all of his physical attributes well . . . born
8-14-50.



PACHECO, JIM, 20, 6-1, 190, junior, pitcher;
Miami, Florida . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . Jim has all the
tools with good baseball sense . . . he could become a real asset to our pitching staff . . .
born 3-25-53.

PASCUAL, CARLOS, 20, 5-10, 160, junior, second baseman;
Miami, Florida . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . good range and
power . . . his fine movement makes him turn the double play well . . . born 7-4-53.

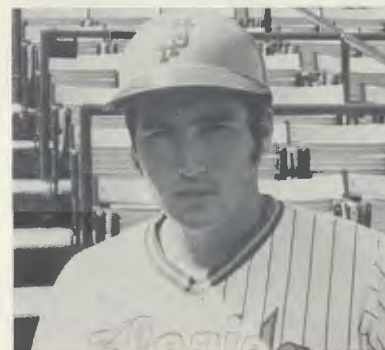


G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	AVT
34	61	5	15	3	1	1	0	2	7	15	6	.248	15	34	4	.925

PEREZ, CARLOS, 21, 5-10, 190, senior, catcher;
Miami, Florida . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . good defensive
catcher . . . great arm . . . tough to run on . . . born 8-2-52.

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	AVE
61	226	39	79	12	2	2	14	4	21	25	39	.350	67	4	2	.973

PRICE, DANNY, 22, 5-11, 195, senior, outfielder;
Whitakers, North Carolina . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . re-
turning letterman . . . the second co-captain for this year's squad . . . born 7-1-51.





RODRIGUEZ, NELSON, 20, 6-1, 175, sophomore, shortstop;
Tampa, Florida . . . Physical Education major in School of Education . . . plays both
second and shortstop. . . leading R.B.I. man in the state and he tied for the lead in home
runs also. . . born 11-16-52.

G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	AVG
60	181	50	3	4	1	7	7	38	31	28	.276	79	142	22	.910

SANZ, MIKE, 21, 5-10, 165, junior, infield;
Miami, Florida . . . Psychology major in College of Arts and Sciences . . . last years defen-
sive MVP . . . another versatile infielder . . . lead team in most walks (38) . . . led Dade
County in hitting at LaSalle H.S. . . . born 3-25-52.



G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	AVG
41	105	35	7	1	0	5	2	13	12	19	.333	65	6	3	.960

WALSH, JERRY, 21, 6-1, 190, senior;
Columbus, Ohio . . . Marketing major in School of Business and Organizational Sciences
. . . shared catching duties last year . . . hit .333 although not playing regularly . . . good
handler of pitchers . . . born 4-7-52.

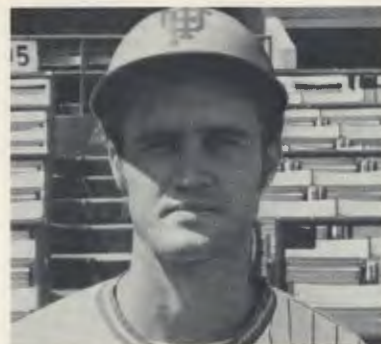


DIAZ, JUAN, 21, 5-8, 152, sophomore, outfielder;
from Puerto Rico . . . Engineering Technology major in School of Technology . . . Juan
has a good glove and great range in centerfield . . . his speed and aggressiveness makes
him a real threat on the bases . . . born 8-17-52.



FLORIN, HECTOR, 21, 6-0, 185, junior, pitcher;
Miami, Florida . . . Physical Education major in the School of Education . . . has a good,
moving fastball . . . his hustle and great enthusiasm will make him a true asset to this
year's pitching staff . . . born 9-19-52.

WILLIS, TERRY, 20, 6-0, 160, junior, pitcher;
Tampa, Florida . . . History major in College of Arts and Sciences . . . good fastball and an
improving curve-ball; his desire could put him in the starting rotation this spring . . .
drafted by the Cincinnati Reds . . . born 6-19-53.





G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	BB	SO	RBI	AVE	PO	A	E	AVG
62	229	49	71	5	2	2	24	18	35	14	36	.310	96	54	18	.894

CRASS, DEREK, 21, 5-8, 160, senior, outfielder;
 Clarksville, Tennessee native . . . Health and Physical Education major in School of Education . . . returning letterman . . . one of this year's co-captains . . . last year 2nd leading hitter at .310 clip . . . led Sunblazers in stolen bases last season (24) . . . also led team in sacrifices (18) . . . born 2-8-52.

W	L	IP	ER	H	BB	SO	ERA
8	3	94	29	83	37	58	2.77

FIRELINE, BILL, 21, 6-1, 195, senior, pitcher;
 Owensboro, Kentucky . . . Health and Physical Education major in School of Education . . . last year's MVP Pitcher . . . lead pitching staff in 7 of 12 categories . . . lowest ERA 2.77 . . . appeared in most games (20) . . . born 8-12-52.





SUNBLAZER DIAMOND DOLLS

Florida International's lovely girls will take to the diamond and spice up the baseball program this year. There will be twelve beautiful FIU gals involved as the batgirls for both the visitors and the home team. Their addition will bring even more color and excitement to the Sunblazer program this year.

F.I.U. ATHLETIC COUNCIL

The nine-member athletic council will determine policy and make recommendations to President Perry, on the conduct of Florida International's athletic program.

Chaired by Dr. Glenn Goerke, the Council will review and make recommendations regarding budget, foreign travel, and the development of the overall athletic program.

In addition to Dr. Goerke, other faculty council members are: Donald McDowell, Dr. G. Wesley Sowards, Dr. Paul Hartman, Frank Merchant, Tom Wonderling, John Hebert, Dr. Sandra J. Clark, and students Pat Palmer and Dave Scott.



SUNBLAZERS TO PLAY IN NEW HOME IN '74

The summer of 1973 produced the beginning of construction on our new athletic and recreational complex. The complex includes a new baseball stadium, soccer field, tennis courts, and handball courts. The baseball stadium will be completed for this season, late in the fall of 1973. The new baseball field will feature symmetrical dimensions, grass infield, dugouts for both the home and visiting teams, bullpen dugouts for both teams, bleacher seating and a public address system. The field will have the dimensions of 325 feet down the foul lines and will extend 400 feet in deep center.

SUNBLAZERS COMPLETE SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Coach Wonderling's squad had an impressive beginning compiling a record of 41 wins and 25 losses. After splitting its first six games, the Sunblazers took off on a streak, winning 13 of the next 16 games in the first half of March.

Outfielder Danny Price, a junior from North Carolina, paced the Sunblazers hitting with a fine .352 average.

Another outfielder, Derek Crass, hit .312. Bill Fireline led the pitching with 8 wins and 3 losses.

The highlight of the baseball season was a 10-day, 10-game tour of three Central American countries in May.

The FIU Sunblazers completed the fall season 17-3, spring season 34-22, and tour of Central American countries 7-3; for a successful year of 58 wins and 28 losses.

1973 BASEBALL RESULTS

OPPONENT	FIU SCORE	OPPONENTS SCORE	OPPONENT	FIU SCORE	OPPONENTS SCORE
Miami-Dade, South	6	0	West Chester St. U. (Pa.)	3	2
Broward C. C.	3	5	U. of New Hampshire	2	6
Florida State U.	4	7	Pace College (N.Y.)	9	3
Miami-Dade, North	2	5	U. of New Hampshire	2	4
Miami-Dade, North	6	4	U. of New Hampshire	2	14
Broward C. C.	2	9	Wesleyan U. (Conn.)	7	6
St. Joseph's College (Pa.)	9	6	Wesleyan U. (Conn)	21	1
St. Joseph's College (Pa.)	5	2	Colby College (Maine)	6	4
Eastern Illinois U.	1	2	Wesleyan U. (Conn)	8	7
Eastern Illinois U.	9	6	Montclair St. U. (N.J.)	6	9
Eastern Illinois U.	4	3	New Haven University (Conn)	5	4
Belmont College (Tenn.)	13	5	Montclair St. U. (N.J.)	9	8
Belmont College (Tenn.)	7	6	Miami-Dade, North	7	10
Belmont College (Tenn.)	10	7	U. of Miami	2	14
Middle Tenn. St.	4	5	Miami-Dade, South	5	2
Middle Tenn. St.	11	8	Florida Memorial College	6	7
U. of Miami	3	1	Spring Arbor College	8	4
Mercer University Ga.	6	1	Spring Arbor College	15	4
Wabash College (Ind)	5	6	U. of Miami	1	10
Embry-Riddle U.	14	4	Florida Memorial College	9	0
Wabash College (Ind)	4	1	Biscayne College	11	4
Miami-Dade, South	8	9	Miami-Dade, North	8	11
Cornell Uni.	2	1	John Jay College (N.Y.)	5	0
Cornell Uni.	5	4	U. of Miami	3	5
Seton Hall Uni.	0	1	Biscayne College	7	3
Seton Hall Uni.	13	12	Florida Bible College	13	4
Southern Illinois Uni.	1	9	Florida Bible College	8	3
West Chester St. U. (Pa.)	5	8	Miami-Dade, South	0	5

1973

BATTING STATISTICS

PLAYER	GP	INN	AB	R	II	AVE.	1B	2B	3B	HR	TB	\$B	RBI	BB	SO	HP	SAC	PO	A	E	AVE.
Price	61	528	226	39	79*	.350*	63*	12	2	2	101	14	39	21	25	2	4	67	4	2	.973
Crass	62*	530*	229*	49*	71	.310	62	5	2	2	86	24*	36	35	14	3	18*	96	54	18	.894
Jacobs	62*	503	226	39	67	.297	42	13*	3	9*	113	9	45*	27	27	4*	4	107	131	24*	.909
Sanz	60	463	181	38	50	.276	42	3	4*	1	64	7	28	38*	31	4*	7	79	142*	22	.910
Cornett	57	258	179	21	47	.262	34	9	2	2	68	2	33	26	45*	1	3	38	20	6	.907
Knox	52	375-1/3	146	39	35	.240	28	4	3	0	45	10	20	33	22	2	6	41	103	14	.912
Finkelstein	48	324	115	25	30	.261	20	6	1	3	47	8	25	31	28	2	1	71	4	1	.988
Strickland	47	327	137	21	32	.234	21	10	1	0	44	6	17	14	30	1	1	164	32	13	.937
Walsh	41	204	105	15	35	.333	27	7	1	0	44	5	19	13	12	1	2	65	6	3	.960
Cannon	39	128	94	30	23	.245	15	4	2	2	37	15	8	29	11	2	6	23	5	2	.934
Mihalyak	38	212	104	30	26	.250	21	1	1	3	38	8	16	23	28	2	6	42	0	0	1.000
Yates	36	250	89	15	24	.270	20	2	1	1	31	1	13	25	19	3	3	246*	10	4	.985
Perez, C.	34	213	61	5	15	.248	12	3	1	1	21	0	6	7	15	2	2	15	34	4	.925
Green	23	120	56	14	14	.250	11	1	0	0	17	2	5	6	9	0	0	34	32	6	.917
Hoskin	17	112-2/3	41	5	8	.195	3	3	1	1	16	0	4	10	11	0	3	85	8	3	.968

1973 PITCHING STATISTICS

PITCHER	REC.	I.P.	H	ER	SO	BB	ERA
Alvarez	6-3	79	63	28	79	44	3.29
Argiz	4-1	61-2/3	58	29	34	19	4.09
Baumgardner	5-6	81-2/3	72	31	78	72	3.40
Bellavance	3-2	38	42	19	22	15	4.50
Fireline	8-3	94	82	29	58	37	2.77
Hollar	3-2	43-1/3	49	23	40	21	4.78
Perez, J.	2-5	49	65	27	31	28	4.96
Scott	3-0	39	47	21	22	16	4.84
Perez, C.	2-1	.20	18	10	24	10	4.50
Hoskin	0-0	3-2/3	9	2	1	0	4.91
Knox	1-0	5-1/3	5	1	0	2	1.69
Finkelstein	0-1	8	10	4	9	4	4.50

FLORIDA 1973 INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S MODERN BASEBALL RECORDS

PITCHING LEADERS (INDIVIDUAL)

Most Wins — 8	Bill Fireline
Best Won-Lost Pct. — .727	Bill Fireline
Best Earned Run Average — 2.77	Bill Fireline
Most Games — 20	Bill Fireline
Most Complete Games — 5	Ralph Alvarez
Most Shutouts — 1	Frank Bumgardner
Most Innings Pitched — 94	Bill Fireline
Most Strikeouts — 79	Ralph Alvarez
Fewest Earned Runs Allowed (9 decisions) 28	Ralph Alvarez
Fewest Bases on Balls Allowed (9 decisions) 37	Bill Fireline
Fewest Runs Allowed (9 decisions) 44	Bill Fireline
Fewest Hits Allowed (9 decisions) 63	Ralph Alvarez
Most Wild Pitches — 8	Ralph Alvarez
Most Hit Batsmen — 0	

BATTING LEADERS (INDIVIDUAL)

Best Batting Average (MIN 150 AB's) .350	Danny Price
Most Home Runs — 9	Marty Jacobs
Most Runs Batted In — 45	Marty Jacobs
Most Times at Bat — 229	Derek Crass
Most Runs — 49	Derek Crass
Most Hits — 79	Danny Price
Most Doubles — 13	Marty Jacobs
Most Triples — 4	Mike Sanz
Most Total Bases — 113	Marty Jacobs
Most Total Bases — 113	Marty Jacobs
Most Stolen Bases — 24	Derek Crass
Most Bases on Balls — 38	Mike Sanz
Most Times Hit by Pitch — 4	Marty Jacobs
	Mike Sanz
Most Strikeouts — 45	Doug Cornett
Most Games — 62	Derek Crass
	Marty Jacobs
Most Innings Played — 530	Derek Crass
Most Times Hit by Pitch — 4	Marty Jacobs

ASSISTANT COACHES

DENNIS BUNNELL

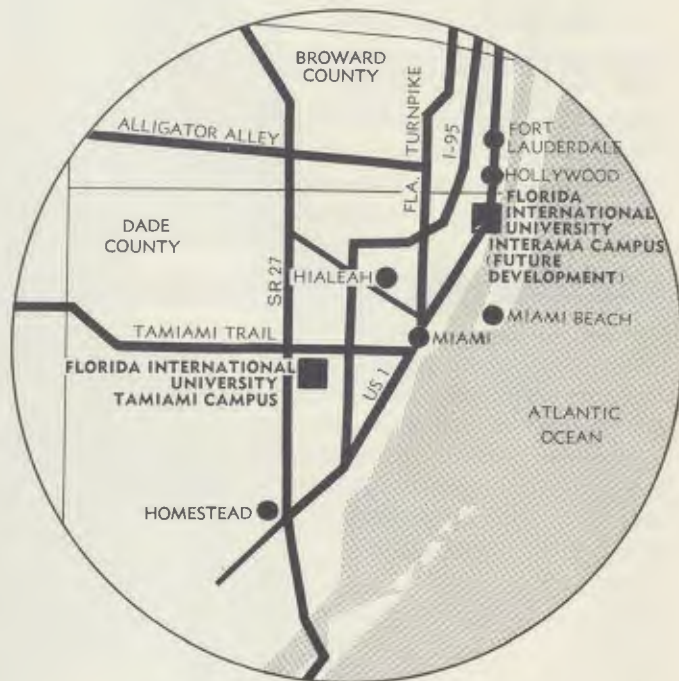


Dennis Bunnell, a native of Dayton, Ohio is in his first year as assistant baseball coach. He attended and pitched for Christian College of the Southwest in Dallas, Texas. He continued his academic and athletic careers at Austin Peay State University where he pitched for Coach Wonderling. The 23-year-old Bunnell came to FIU following one year of teaching and coaching basketball and baseball at Todd Central High School in Elkton, Kentucky. The enthusiastic and persuasive Bunnell serves as FIU's pitching coach.



RALPH SCHMELMER

Ralph Schmelmer, a native of Columbus, Ohio, is in his first year with the FIU Sunblazers. While only 22 years old, the young baseball strategist joined the Sunblazers staff after graduating from Ohio Dominican College, where he played varsity baseball and basketball for four years. While at Bishop Ready High School, he played baseball and basketball under Coach Wonderling. When Schmelmer is not working with some aspect of the FIU baseball program he can be found on one of the area golf courses. A better than average golfer, Schmelmer shoots consistently in the low 80's.



TRAINER

BILL POLK



Bill Polk is the head trainer here at FIU. A new locker room facility is the location of the spacious training room. Bill has all the necessary materials and equipment to handle any problems that might arise. Bill was the trainer at Miami-Dade South before coming to FIU this year.

GROUNDS

CHARLIE HENINGTON



Charlie Henington is the head of the landscaping department at FIU. Charlie will be in charge of maintaining the soon to be completed complex which will be second to none in the country.

George Federici was born in Dubois, Pennsylvania on July 9, 1917. He has been added to the FIU staff this fall as our equipment manager. He comes to FIU highly qualified from Miami-Dade South, where he was the assistant equipment manager for two years.



GEORGE FEDERICI
MANAGER



JERRY MARGOLIN
PHOTOGRAPHER

Jerry Margolin is the university photographer. His top notch quality work is clearly visible throughout this brochure. A solid base for publicity and public relations, is having a good photographer and Jerry is just that.

FIRST PROFESSIONAL SIGNEE

Frank Baumgardner became Florida International's first professional baseball signee in June of 1973. He signed with the Baltimore Oriole organization. Last spring Frank had a record of five wins and six losses for FIU while compiling a 3.40 ERA. He had 78 strike outs in eighty-two innings pitched. He played at Bluefield in West Virginia last summer in the Class A, Appalachian League. He had a good year with three wins and three losses and had six saves to his credit. Next season Frank has a good chance of playing Class AA baseball.



1973 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL "SUNBLAZERS" — Members of the first-year Sunblazer squad pose for the traditional team photograph. The team members, who posted an outstanding 41-25 record, are front row (left to right) Mike Sanz, Dave Mihalyak, Rick Yates, Howard Finkelstein, Willie Cannon, Derek Crass, Wes Green, Phil Hollar. Middle row (left to right) Butch Strickland, Ralph Alvarez, Jim Knox, Tony Argiz, Dave Scott, John Perez, Carlos Perez, Danny Price. Back row (left to right) assistant coach Frank Merchant, Frank Baumgardner, Doug Cornett, Guy Belleavance, Marty Jacobs, Larry Hoskin, Jerry Walsh, Billy Fireline, head coach Tom Wonderling, and assistant coach Bobby Delgado.



1973 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL SUNBLAZERS

Opponent	FIU Score	Opp. Score
Motes Suzuki, Guatemala, C.A.	8	5
Municipal, Guatemala, C.A.	5	1
Universidad de Guatemala, Guatemala, C.A.	16	1
Air Force, Honduras, C.A.	9	7
Verdun, Honduras, C.A.	4	7
Medias Verdes, Honduras, C.A.	8	2
All-Stars, Nicaragua, C.A.	2	4
Leon, Nicaragua, C.A.	3	0
Chinandega, Nicaragua, C.A.	7	4
Equipo-Nacional, Nicaragua, C.A.	2	5
Spring Season	34-22	
Central America Tour	7-3	
Total:	41 Wins	25 Losses

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