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FIU FACTS

Name: Florida International University Founded: 1965 Location: Tamiami Trall Classification: State of Florida University System Enrollment: 12,500 President: Harold B. Crosby Director of Athletics: Tom H. Wonderling Affiliation: AIAW, Senior College Division Conference: Independent Nickname: Sunblazers Colors: Blue & Gold S.I.D.: Bill Sheldon

FIU IN REVIEW

Florida International University opened its Tamiami Campus 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. Enrollment is expected to grow to 30,000 by the early 1980's, when the North Miami campus is in full operation.

An accredited member of the State University System, FIU serves juniors, seniors and graduate students. Admission is open without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin.

Academically, FIU offers the benefits of higher education's proven features blended with the innovations of progressive ideals. The University has developed individualized study programs including off-campus, real-life career experiences.

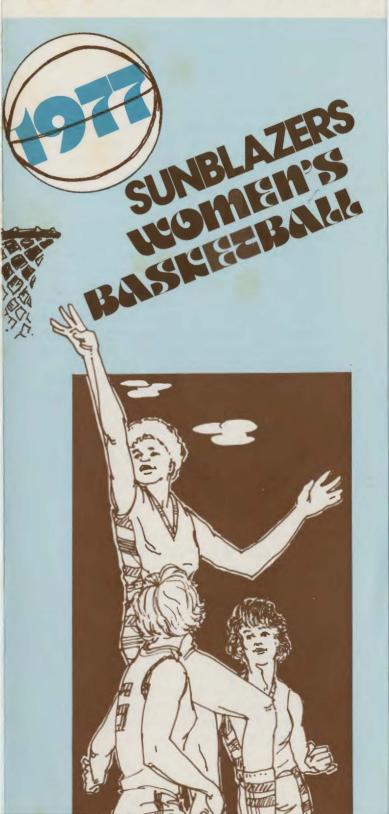
Academic divisions include the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Organizational Sciences, School of Education, School of Health and Social Services, School of Hotel, Food and Travel Services and the School of Technology.

The University has three main goals: to provide action-oriented education for students so they can live more personally satisfying and socially useful lives; to serve the Greater Miami and South Florida region in meeting the ecological, cultural, social and urban challenges which it faces; and to become a major international center with emphasis on helping achieve greater mutual understanding among the Americas and throughout the world.

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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



Women's Basketball Season Outlook

This enthusiastic squad enters the '77 season determined to make a place among other more established programs around the state and to pull a few upsets along the way.

The Sunblazers, with nine returning players from the historic '76 season, have the needed experience and talent to reach that goal.

Head Coach Patti Abbot, taking over the helm for the '77 season, realizes that the team lacks height, with 5'11" center Kathy Fraser the tallest player. However the team is wellbalanced with 5'10" Debbie Davis and 5'9" Joy Stewart supplying additional rebounding power. Guards Shirley Coleman (5'5"), Sandra Atkins (5'2"), Caron Brettholtz (5'1"), and Mae Foley (5'3"), are expected to bring the team the consistent outside shooting.

Coach Abbott, a former collegiate basketball player from Florida State University, is confident that the women's basketball program will continue as a consistent winner. "Our goal is to improve our record and go into the state tournament as a dark horse, ready to knock off the more established teams."

Patricia (Patti) Abbott Basketball Coach

Patricia Abbott, a 1972 graduate of Florida State University, was captain of the FSU volleyball team and was selected to several allstar teams during her four years as a player.

Currently working on her masters degree at FIU, Abbott has the knowledge and energy needed for building a successful program. She coached and taught high school for four years and is now FIU's assistant volleyball coach and head basketball coach. FRONT ROW (sitting): Caron Brettholtz Mae Foley Gloria Barry

SECOND ROW (kneeling):

Shirley Coleman Melody Van Valkenburg Sandra Atkins Karen Clark Betty Williams

THIRD ROW (standing):

Coach Patti Abbott Esther Ball-llovera Joy Stewart Kathy Fraser Sandy Williams Debbie Davis Eulalia Albalate

1977 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE | DAY | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Jan. 4 | Tue. | Merrimac College | Columbus HS | 4:00 p.m. |
| 15 | Sat. | Flagler College | S. Miami HS | 2:00 p.m. |
| 17 22 | Mon. Sat. | Miami-Dade CC-North U. of South Fla. | MDCC-No. Deerborne HS | 5:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. |
| 26 28 29 | Wed. Fri. Sat. | Miami-Dade CC-Downtown Miami-Dade CC-South Florida Tech. | MDCC-Downtown MDCC-South Deerborne HS | 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m. |
| Feb. 1 | Tue. | U. of Miami | Columbus HS | 5:00 p.m. |
| 8 12 | Tue. Sat. | Miami-Dade CC-Downtown Miami-Dade CC-North | Columbus HS Deerborne HS | 4:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. |
| 14 15 17-19 | Mon. Tue. Thu Sat. | U. of Miami Miami-Dade CC-South Falconette BB Invtl. | U. of M. Columbus HS MDCC-North | 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. |
| 24-26 | Thu Sat. | FAIAW St. BB Large College | U. of M. | |