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INTERAMA CAMPUS PLANNED

FIU BECOMES A REALITY

By Robert Storch

When Florida International University opened its doors some two months ago, few of the 5,667 enrolled students were aware of the efforts it took to open Dade County's first public upper division university. In 1965, when FIU officially was born, the state legislature also authorized the creation of two other schools—the University of West Florida and the University of North Fla.

FIU is situated on 344 acres immediately south of Tamiami Trail between SW 107th and 117th Avenues on half of the old Tamiami Airport (the other half belongs to Metro and is planned to become a regional park with some of our sports facilities located there.

A second campus located on Interama land in North Miami is projected to be opened in 1976. La Deuxieme, which is nearing completion directly southwest of Primera Casa, will provide office space for most of the faculty while supplying the students with limited classrooms and a small auditorium.

The FIU library has a well-trained staff headed by Howard Cordell. The services include periodicals, government documents, microfilm and microfiche, archives, copy machines, and over thirty thousand volumes.

In academic areas, the university's College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Health & Social Sciences, Education and Hotel, Food and Travel Services, and the projected School of Technology have all been injected with a new idea of forward thinking programs.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT FORMATION

The process of formation of the student government at FIU began Oct. 11, with three meetings open to all students. Its purpose was to give students a chance to voice opinions on various types of student government.

Student representatives were chosen and wrote a questionnaire which has been mailed to all students, to be used as an instrument in finding out student opinions on a form of government.

The Students Services Staff emphasized that students will form the system of governance they want. This enables the product to be a working government representative of the student body as a whole.

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EDITORIAL

Action speaks louder than words, so this FIU student newsletter is born. This is the first issue of what we hope will grow into a regularly published newspaper.

Red tape, as too often is true, has been the villain in delaying the birth of it. Dean of Student Services, Sandra Clark stated that no student funds will be spent until a student government has been formed, and they will make the decision as to how and how much of the funds will be spent.

This sounds great in theory but one problem remains—student government is far from becoming a reality. The student survey must be counted, evaluated and then a referendum taken to decide what form of governance—and then the work begins.

We urge all students to fill out the questionnaire and return it to Student Services. All interested students are also invited to attend the committee meeting Sunday, Nov. 19, 1972, 11 a.m. 5th floor lounge.

Many beneficial activities and organizations are being delayed in reaching their full potential by the inavailability of student funds and official sanction. We must work diligently to eliminate this void and make student government a reality.

We have developed ACTION as our communications tool. Together, we must form a student governance.

FUNDS COLLECTED

TELEMARATHON 23

By: Francisco Eolaños

Organized by the Int'l. Rescue Committee and Channel 23, Telemarathon 23 will collect funds for needy Cuban children in Spain.

The Federation of Cuban Students of FIU will man table at the bus stop on Nov. 17. Contributions and help from interested students are urged.

Money collected will be supervised by a group of local banks and then sent to Spain to be distributed by the IRC.

Manolo Casanova, Telemarathon chairman said, "We are trying to alleviate the very difficult financial situation in which the Cuban children in Spain find themselves."

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Anyone interested in working on ACTION, please contact us. Previous experience not required.

STUDENT TOURS PLANNED

By Greg Perry

How many times have you thought about getting away from it all- not meaning final exams?

Travel and Tourism majors of the School of Hotel, Food and Travel Services are trying to help you accomplish that. They are currently forming Tourism Research In Progress (TRIP) which will work to provide FIU students the best travel tours available.

Prof. Huse of Travel & Tourism said, "We hope to get the project off the ground in the near future. So start thinking about your favorite place."

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UNIQUE GRADING SYSTEMS

By Helen Mannion

Traditional grading systems place the wrong emphasis on why we learn. We should learn for knowledge, not grades. Dean Vandon E. White of Health & Social Services explains the reason for Credit-No-Credit system used by his School. This unique, cooperative rather than competitive system is also employed by the School of Education.

The College of Arts & Sciences and the Schools of Business and Organizational Science and Hotel, Food and Travel Services grade students by N, B, C, and No-Credit.

The commonality with all of these academic units of FIU is that there is no penalty to a student in any course. Thus, there isn't the old, but familiar pressure of "flunking out."

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STUDENT GOVERNANCE

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Students attending these meetings were concerned that various interest groups were slow in forming due to lack of funds. Dean of Students, Sandra Clark, pointed out that only students were free to allocate student funds to various organizations and interest groups and that until a form of student government was set-up, the student services staff felt it was not at liberty to give money from student activity fees to any particular group.

The next meeting concerning the formation of a student government at FIU is being held at 11 A.M., Primera Casa, 531-539. All interested students are urged to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 18-Acctg. Asso.	1 PM	SL
19-Stu. Govt.	11 AM	SL
19-B. S. U.	5 PM	223
20-Meditation		SL
21-Hillel Fndtn.	1 PM	341
22-Drama Club	7:30 PM	445
NO CLASSES (check schedule)		
24-25-Wrestling vs. Brevard		
28-Soccer vs. Marymount		
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INTERMURAL SPORTS

By Greg Perry

"The Intermural Sports Program is alive and going well," said Coach Bob Delgado.

Among the Sports being offered this Quarter are football and bowling. Members of the three football teams come from all segments of the FIU Student Body plus some energetic Faculty members. For those interested in attending call Delgado.

Participants are needed for bowling and the upcoming basketball and ping-pong competition. "If you're interested why not try it--you might like it," said Delgado.

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