Primera Casa Bomb Threat

FIU President Charles Perry speaking to (l to r) Dean Sandra Clark, J.T. Henderson, Perry, Dean Glenn Goerke, Ron Areoswmith and Ulysses Van Spiva during the bomb scare.

... (Photo by Jack Sederman)

From Argentina Students to Visit FIU

BY FORTUNATO ARDOVO

Operation Amigo a program for promoting a better understanding between North American and Latin American student leaders will host visitors at FIU from February 19th through March 6th.

Plans for a two-week visit of 12 Argentine university students are under way as one of the first student exchange programs for FIU.

The students, selected on the basis of their leadership potential, scholastic ability and extracurricular activities, come from various provinces of Argentina. They will live with FIU students, faculty and staff.

The purpose of the program is to give the Argentines a first hand look at the American political-social and cultural systems, and at the same time give US student an opportunity to learn directly about the Argentine way of life.

It is hoped that better understanding between the people of North and South America can be achieved through open exchange of ideas.

Operation Amigo was started by The Miami Herald as a pilot project on international understanding in 1964; since then it has expanded throughout the United States reaching 21 republics in Latin America.

During their stay at FIU the Amigos will attend classes with their hosts and participate twice a day in lectures given by leading faculty members of the University on urban problems, environment, conservation, international relations, US involvement in South East Asia, income revolution, international affairs, student unrest and faculty response.

They will also visit points of interest in the city and see some basic phases of American democracy in action at city council meetings and the court house.

The Amigo project is a private organization with no links with government fundings either here or abroad; all the operating expenses come from contributions of private industries interested in a better interamerican relationship.

FIU students are needed to house the visitors. Application forms can be obtained from the Student Services office, PC 220; to coordinate the academic and community program schedules; to take them to classes when their hosts are either working or unable to stay with them.

Some students at FIU are already thinking of returning the visit to the Argentine students. Susan Beals and Mark Turin are equally interested in visiting other South American countries during their Summer vacations and learn about their cultures and customs. Housing for those FIU students who would like to visit Latin America will be provided by the Operation Amigo Foundations in Argentina and Brazil and by the Operation Amigo Clubs in the remaining countries.

By SCOTT JAY

Florida International University experienced its first bomb threat at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31, 1973.

An unidentified person phoned FIU and threatened that Primera Casa would blow up, said Elizabeth Mason, the night switchboard operator. He said, "Something will blow up in the first house between now and 9:30 tonight."

"I tried to get him to repeat it, he just laughed and hung up," said Mrs. Mason. At the same time she notified campus security, a possibility was not up to him to be a self-spokened Latin American.

After receiving notification, Chief Harcourt Clarke immediately conferred with President Perry who ordered that classes be cancelled for the evening and the building evacuated.

"We can't take a chance. Nine out of ten times nothing happens, but we can't afford to risk somebody getting hurt," said Perry.

"If the campus was under construction, the situation would be different," added Perry, "but all types of nuts running around campus.

Clarke and the Administrative Body decided against using the school's emergency warning system due to the infirmarility of it by everybody.

Dean Glenn Goerke said, "We do not have an emergency warning system; sort of like a gong. However, we thought it might cause more confusion. We decided it would be more adavantageous to personally notify everybody."

Perry directed all operations during the time period of the warning. He did not allow any persons to enter the building until after 9-45, fifteen minutes after the added time.

At that time the campus security force searched the entire building. Nothing was found. Personal belongings left in the building were secured.

During the evening, classes went on as usual in Deuxance Maison, only with a little interruption.

Student Social Workers Meet Over Break

The Student Social Workers’ Association of FIU participated in their first project of the new quarter. Perry directed all operations. The Student Social Workers’ Association aided the Puerto Rican Democratic Organization with a Christmas party for thirty needy families (including 100 children) in the Miami area.

Baskets of food were prepared by the Ladies Committee of the Women’s Christian Association and will be getting into full swing during the Winter Quarter.

Membership is open to everyone interested, but voting member-ship are limited to Social Work majors.

The selection committee consisting of twelve students and ten faculty members will select the final choices after ideas have been submitted. The final choices will then be presented to FIU President Charles Perry, and he will meet with the committee for the final selection. The deadline for suggestions is February 9, and the nickname of “Dolphin” is already taken by Jacksonville University.

XMAS IN FEB.

Students of Florida International University and Miami Dade Junior college are attempting to help reestablish some of the happiness that was lost to the children of Managua, Nicaragua before Christmas. They are doing this by sending much needed small items that are readily available here, but virtually unobtainable there.

Collection centers will be set up both here and at Dade bet-ter the cause. The Panama Company will sell for individuals to drop off such varied and sundry items as soap, underwear, toothbrushes and many more needed items. Discretion should be used in the quality of the gifts and a complete list of desirable goods will be available at the collections centers and through the campus.

Volunteers are needed for collecting, wrapping and transporting everything to the aircraft which will transport the gifts for free.

Anyone interested or having questions should direct them to Student Services office, PC 220, Ext. 280. In their effort to help, Miami Dade South Campus is spon-soring a dance with all profits to be used to buy things that are needed but not collected. There will be free refreshments which have been donated by the Student Services, and a live band which has donated it’s services for the cause. Donations will be $1.00. The dance will take place on January 30, Friday, at 7:30 in the Student Lounge. All are welcome.
Money - It Goes Without Saying

Dean of Students Sandra Clark repeatedly stated during the first quarter that no student funds would be expended until such time that an official student government had been formed. This, she said, would have the power to distribute all student funds.

Why is it that during the final week of fall quarter Dean Clark reversed her stand and gave blanket authorization for students to use the twelve trailers serving on the student government committee whose sole purpose was to write a constitution?

While we might have applauded this position at a more appropriate time, we do not feel that these funds should have been distributed during the break. Furthermore, why is it that only four of the twelve members have any say as to the distribution of funds?

Although the committee has wisely shied away from allocating funds, why is it that they did approve a budget of $300 for themselves and $200 for the literary magazine? Wouldn't it have been better to wait just a couple more weeks till the student government is established?

To our way of thinking, all student groups should have an equal opportunity to receive these monies and none should have been distributed until all were notified.

To come to think of it, this seems as if many still have not been notified. Why not?

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Round Campus

with bob barry

There is a certain type of person who shows up in every society, it didn't take long for him to surface in our University community. He's the guy with the stick slogans, riots, protests, demonstrations, confrontations, and other mob temper tantrums, like bomb threats. This creep who is intellectually incapable of working within the system can usually be found chanting the same thing like a zombie because he hasn't the capacity for verbalizing thought.

Well, there is a message to the pathetic slob who cleared the University classrooms last Thursday night with a bomb threat...and it came from three female live in the society...contributing to its elevation and not you'll never find throwing rocks, or ranting with wild students on their way to the parking Drei...see you tomorrow night, Maria.” That's it buddy...those of us you never find throwing rocks, or ranting with wild eyed mobs, or making bomb threats will continue to live in the society...contributing to its elevation and not its destruction.

Campus Security Chief Clark is a bit miffed by the..."lackadaisical at-tude of some people on campus to security." The amiable top cop would like to remind people to lock their car doors and not to leave valuables in view to tempt those into collect that which is not theirs. We’re on the subject...hats off to the University's Sgt. Bill Ball who apprehended four guys in a stolen car in one of the campus parking lots...turns out all were wanted elsewhere for violations.

Donald Smading, top administrator for the Financial Aid Department would like to remind those students who, signed for short term loans now due, to start paying back...other students need the help. Bet you’d never guess the figure for the whole financial aid program...$300,000.

We thought we had wandered upon a club meeting...at 8 a.m.?....well it's probably that goofy comedy again, you know few people for one class is a bit much. The prof said something about the purpose of the University is to cater to the needs of the students...true enough...more students...more instructors and please less classes with wall to wall people.

Congratulations to Dr. Janet Parker, Psych Department...delivered a baby girl January 3...must tell you, however, prof you made some of us very nervous last quarter whenever you sneezed.

New courses — "Contemporary Woman" is wide open...if you want to visit the class...M...R...PC 326-8 a.m. worth your time, also "Beginning Russian" open to all...hours not assigned yet contact modern language dept. at ex. 2290.

One of the by-products of military service is showing up on campus in abounding numbers...one out of every six students is a veteran...After all the clever thought that went into naming the first two University buildings with a flair for the international the people housed in them called them PC and DM...next one may be more difficult...how can you name a place with a flair for the international the people housed in them called them Drei Haus...see you round campus.

Mr. Savely added that his staff processed 1500-2000 students and handled nearly 3000 cards.

He said that some changes had been made in computer logic. "This, combined with preemptive work considerations, was a major factor in giving students a complete schedule. This made changes unnecessary for most.”

Mr. Savely went on to explain that more refinements in traffic patterns should make next Change Day even better.

He also added that pre-registration will start sometime between the 1st and 20th of February depending on the availability of schedules for the various classes.

He summed up the philosophy of his office, by stating "if there's anything we've not bound by it's tradition. We're open to change and welcome suggestions.”

Professors and students agreed that the day was successful.

Professor George Conrad of the School of Hotel, Food, and Travel Services said, "Change Day seems to have gone well for all concerned. I spent more time in counseling new majors than I did in solving scheduling problems.”

Charles Fritz, an Accounting Major, had this to say: "I participated in the first Change Day so I was a little worried when I saw the people lined up at noon to get into the Youth Fair Building. However, things went very well. Everything seemed to be organized with plenty of people to help.

After attending Florida State University, where there is no pre-registration, I'm impressed by how easy this procedure is.”

Couches at FIU are useful for catching 60 winks between classes as this unidentified student demonstrates.

Entertainment

When Hair Came to FIU

By WBS

It is only fitting that AC­TION's inaugural film review should be not of a feature film, but of an extraordinary cinematic experience that is available to you here on the FIU campus.

It's When HAIR came to Memphis, and it is some film. WHCTM arrived at FIU long before the students did, and, at that time Dave Wilson, the generous and gregarious head of our Media Center, allowed some FIU'ers a preview. He's still there, it's still there, you have only to ask.

Since its arrival, it has been shown and reshown, seen and reseen. The impact never lessens.

Granted, HAIR is an ex­traordinary experience. It's unlikely that anyone who has seen it will ever be quite the same again. Rado, Ragni, and McDermott, its creators, did the utterly impossible. They epitomized an entire generation in a single "American-tribal-love-rock-musical."

And When HAIR came to Memphis is equally unique. A film about a play, it catches perfectly what it is—or, was—to be caught up in the phenomenon that is HAIR.

Go see it; whether or not you've seen HAIR, even if you've never even heard the record's. This humble reviewer can only comment that—like the
Charles Perry: THE MAN

By HELEN MANNION

Chuck Perry was a thirty year old administrator at Bowling Green State University in Kentucky when he met Claude Kirk, who at the time was governor of Florida. Kirk, far from a champion of progressive or liberal education policies, befriended Chuck and offered him a position as the State Assistant to the Governor for Educational Affairs. This assignment occurred during the now famous state-wide classroom teacher walkout and general strike. The governor’s conservative policy was slashed about, but his top administrator in this area, Chuck Perry survived any criticism; he emerged a winner. Perry handled the pressure well; the man simply kept his cool. Perry’s success in this conflict led to Kirk’s decision to nominate this young man from West Virginia to the position of Vice-Chancellor of the State University System. This giant step in public service took Perry a mere year; smilling all the way.

By 1967 Kirk, a Republican, nominated Perry to yet another conservative arm of the Florida hierarchy, the State Board of Regents. This time at least Chuck Perry was in line for the presidency of the prospective state university slated for the Greater Miami area. Perry by this time was thirty-two, innovative and progressive in his educational philosophy, and unlike most university presidents he was not a recipient of a Doctorate of Philosophy. This nomination somehow seemed incongruent to the political doctrines of the governor; nevertheless Perry was Kirk’s choice and subsequently chosen by the Board of Regents for the job.

Little publicity and fanfare greeted Perry to the seemingly impossible task of building a major international university. With the aid of two administrators, Chuck Perry, based at the old Tamiami International Airport control tower, began to work and climb to this enormous task. The greatest challenge was the materialization of the philosophy to return this university to the service concept as instituted by the old land grant universities. September 1972 brought some five thousand students to this new university and they were the first people to benefit and realize the master plan Perry and his staff have promised the academic world. The primary function of this university is the pledge of the quality of the students’ education. This is to be the ultimate concern of the faculty and administrators. Secondly, this university will be of service to the community and finally, to take an international standing. With these noble promises Chuck Perry is aware that this system must never lose sight of the goals set forth for Florida International University. The President explains, “A university must complement the society in which it survives.”

Student unrest and disenchantment is always a concern of a university president in light of the ever changing political and social world. This person must be aware of problems and be able to predict solutions prior to the actuality if this person is to cope with a tense and volatile situation successfully. President Perry professes a Martin Luther King attitude of non-violence, discussion, debate and argument. This opinion on student unrest includes that the student has no right to demonstrate to the point of violence. “The day of violence at Kent State was the day the fire cracker was set off a few days prior to the first gun shot,” explained Perry. Perry does not feel FIU will ever have a problem of unrest such as the cases with other institutions, mainly because of the absence of on-campus residence and the nature and average older age of the student enrollment.

Chuck Perry believes in high quality academic progress which in turn is the basis for all else to flow. He reasons, “The key to a university is the student and the Institution must never lose sight of this.”

Since the actual operation of FIU, President Perry has asked his academic staff to bear with the overload of work which is accompanying the birth of this university. A man who practices what he preaches, Perry with all of his other responsibilities taught a course in Education the Fall quarter. He will do the same the Spring quarter and a UNESCO project will keep the president’s extra-curricular activities full this session.

It is anticipated that by 1980 FIU will have an enrollment of 20,000 students throughout all of the proposed campuses. Perry predicts a “happy state of competition” between the universities of our statewide supersystem when FIU reaches maturity.
Crisis Center Here to Help

Every year mental illness, which attacks one out of ten Americans, hospitalizes more people than are hospitalized by all other sicknesses in our country. In order to provide services for people suffering from it, we spend some $1.8 billion of our tax money annually.

In his Special Message to the Congress on Mental Illness and Mental Retardation delivered February 5, 1963, President Kennedy described these conditions as “among our most critical health problems.”

They occur more frequently,” said the President, “affect more people, require more prolonged treatment, cause more suffering by the families of the afflicted, waste more of our human resources and constitute more financial drain upon both the public treasury and the personal finances of the individual families than any other single condition.”

Mental Illness is a cruel illness that can disrupt a person’s ability to function so that he cannot cope with life; distort his personality so that he appears to be someone else; destroy his peace of mind so that life becomes agonizing; confound the victim and his family so that they are unable to understand what is happening; frighten them so that each moment becomes black with foreboding and fill them with feelings of shame so that they may try to hush up the problem and avoid seeking help.

Mental illness contributes to such physical conditions as ulcers, high blood pressure, stroke, heart attack, sexual impotence, gastrointestinal disease, skin disease, headache and tiredness. It plays a part in disease, skin disease, headache and tiredness. It may be asked what is being done here in Dade County in our part of the growing national campaign against mental illness. While our county’s resources for helping the mentally ill and their families are far less than adequate, we do have some facilities. An important part of our community’s resources is the Mental Health Association of Dade County. This non-profit, non-sectarian, voluntary agency is a Chapter of the National Mental Health Association of Dade County. This non-profit, non-sectarian, voluntary agency is a Chapter of the National Mental Health Association of Dade County. Mrs. Ann Cordray is the executive director.

Among the services of the Dade Chapter are the Personal Crisis Service and the Phoenix Club.

The personal Crisis Service is an emergency phone service offering immediate assistance to people with emotional problems. The number to call in time of emotional crisis is 379-2611. The Phoenix Club is a social rehabilitation club that is sponsored by the Association for those with emotional problems that are social handicaps.

Dr. Marvin Dunn is a member of the Board of Directors of the Dade Chapter and is Chairman of its Committee on Education. He is also a professor of psychology here at FIU.

Dr. Dunn has stated that “Much of the emotional stress and strain to which people are subjected exists as a result of pressures induced by elements of the society itself and to that extent may be more difficult for the individual to handle.”

If you feel the Association can help you or someone you know or if you want to be a member, do volunteer work or contribute money you may call 379-3642.

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SPORTS SCENE
with debbie goldstein

For Florida International University, it will mark the debut of the first-year baseball team. Coach Tom Wonderling, the new field boss stated, "we have been extremely pleased and happy with the attitude and moral of the players." The squad has exhibited a great deal of self-confidence and enthusiasm since we started our program last fall.

"This enthusiasm has been a contagious thing and carried over into our spring practice," Wonderling continued. "Everyone is anxious to get under actual fire and see just how well we can do under game conditions."

"We were pleased with the progress we have made, but we still have a lot of work to do before our season gets underway. "We firmly believe that you can't be too prepared and we want to be as well prepared as we can when our season opens against Florida State University, Saturday, February 17.

GOLF

FIU's first Intercollegiate Golf team started practice last week. Coach Perry was pleased with the apparent anxiety of the players and stated we could expect a good team.

Qualifying rounds are being played at this time on Palmetto Golf Course. The team will also practice at the LeJeune, Miami Springs and Miami Lakes Courses.

Members of the team are all Juniors: Joe Cianflone, Gary Dattola, Jay Rickles, Dale Stegner, Scott Stewart, Clifford Stratton, Larry Von Stein and Tom Wells. The schedule includes both team matches and tournaments and will be announced in the near future.

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