FIU President Charles Perry speaking to (1 to r) Dean Sandra Clark, J.T. Henderson, Perry, Dean Glenn Goerke, Ron Arrowsmith and Ulysses Van Spilva during the bomb scare. (Photo by Jack Solderman)

Primera Casa Bomb Threat

By SCOTT JAY

Florida International University experienced its first bomb threat at 6:00 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 18, 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. She later seemed to be a soft-spoken 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 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 Deuxieme Maison, with only a few interruptions.

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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. The 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 between January 25 and February 9, 1973. (Photo by Jack Solderman)

FIU MASCOT SELECTION

By ROBERT STORCH

The Division of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletic Training at Florida International University has been given the task of selecting the University's mascot.

Dr. Paul Hartman, chairman of the division, is heading up the selection committee and is requesting ideas from students who are interested in the naming of the mascot and a plaque to suit the occasion.

The student, staff or faculty member who first sends in the name of the mascot which is chosen will receive a replica of the mascot and a plaque to suit the occasion.

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Student Social Workers Meet Over Break

The Student Social Workers' Association of FIU participated in their first post Winter Quarter meeting on Tuesday, December 23, 1972. The Association has 120 members, including 40 senior students.

The meeting was held at the Student Services Office, PC 220. The agenda included the election of officers, future plans, and the association's name.

The Student Social Workers' Association of FIU participated in their first meeting during the Winter Quarter and will be getting into full swing during the Winter Quarter. Membership is open to everyone interested, but voting memberships are limited to Social Work majors.

When the lunch rush hits its stride, even Frank Loesser, Food Service Director of the Snack Bar has to pitch in.
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 organized. This in turn in part 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 authority for allocations to the twelve students 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 $100 for themselves and $200 for the literary magazine? Wouldn't it have been better to wait just a couple more weeks when classes once again began?

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.

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

Read the Constitution

Many weeks have passed since ACTION's inception and its reporting on the formation of a student government committee. ACTION has since prospered despite many obstacles in our way. Student government has not been quite so fortunate.

Long and drawn out meetings discouraged many of the original members to lose interest in the committee. Finally, a new committee was formed to evaluate the results of answers to a questionnaire the first had sent out. They in turn were supposed to write a constitution to be presented to the student body for approval within the first week of winter quarters.

Needless to say, the deadline was not met. Word has it however, that this will soon be forthcoming. We, at ACTION, are not particularly proud of the constitution's appearance. It speaks for itself. We hope to present it to the student body for approval within the first week of winter quarters.

We realize that space is at a premium at FIU, so why aren't we choosey.

Services. They claim that proper space is not available, but we're not choosey.

Emergency

On January 18, Florida International University was faced with its first emergency situation since classes began. The powers to be decided against using the un­publicized emergency warning system, since very few people know about it.

This was a wise decision in this case. Primera Casa was evacuated in "an extremely orderly manner in just under 20 minutes" said one campus security officer.

Although the emergency had been "perfectly handled", this doesn't mean the emergency system couldn't have been afforded? Since we do have an emergency system, why aren't people notified about it?

The first procedure of a cruise ship is to show passengers where lifejackets and rafts are located. On a plane, emergency chutes, air masks, and other procedures are carefully explained. Why hasn't FIU notified everyone of emergency procedures.

We can all surely remember fire drills from earlier years. Why does ACTION not expect the impossible, however we can ask, why isn't the emergency system working as it should? Why is it that this will soon be forthcoming. We, at ACTION, are not particularly proud of the constitution's appearance. It speaks for itself. We hope to present it to the student body for approval within the first week of winter quarters.

Well Done CSD

Too often in today's society policemen are the brunt of much criticism and abuse. Anything done wrong is loudly publicized, little is ever heard regarding their accomplishments.

This past week when FIU faced its first emergency situation, The Campus Safety Department (CSD) spearheaded a complete and efficient evacuation of Primera Casa in less than 20 minutes.

Fearing confusion if the emergency alarm system was used, CSD along with administrators personally spread the alarm. For some of the force, it was the first test of what they learned during their recent attendance at the police academy.

ACTION would like to take this opportunity to commend Chief Harcourt Clarke and his entire force for a job well done.

Letter to the Editor:

THERE IS A LIMIT

There is a limit to everything—including Education 311, which seems to be the talk around the tables. Students are now in combined classes ranging from eighty to one hundred students, with aides as well as the teacher. For this we will receive (with luck) five hours credit. But...we must work more than we bargained for.

It seems that we are expected to attend two class meetings a week—plus put in an additional two and one half hours as a "group." Some teachers allow one to pick their own groups and times to meet, others assign them.

Some teachers have decided to cut their classes to one a week and let the other class meeting be open for group planning. But then again, other teachers disagree. The main problem seems to be the computer. It seems that last semester the computer kept getting mixed up and did not know the difference between regular class time and individual group study time. So, in order not to "confuse" this delicate machine again, students are required to put in the additional hours.

There is a limit to the time that the student can put into one class. Many students are working and/or raising families, It is unfair to put in seven hours work and get only five hours credit. We like to feel that we are accomplishing something rather than just getting out from under the burden of it. Students carrying full loads must be given some consideration. This additional time is unfair and against all that the student is expected to do by the 20 members of the CSD staff. Maybe if the professors realize that we only have so much time to contribute to getting our education they will realize that Education 311 is asking too much of the average student. After all...there is a limit!!!

ACTION does not expect the impossible, however we do feel we deserve ample cooperation from Student Services. As a matter of fact, that cooperation is not available, but we're not choosey.

Right now two offices sit empty in the Student Ser­vices PC 220 complex. Two others are vacant in their PC 311 counterparts. The fine may even extend to the four unoccupied rooms on the fifth floor. We won't begin to bore you the news that six trailers have been sitting completely empty since last December or for that matter so has the Long building.

We realize that space is at a premium at FIU, so why aren't these opportunities taken advantage of? We don't want much...just a little ACTION

NAME WITHHELD

VETS CORNER

Those Veterans who have not returned their Veterans Ad­ministration Certificate Claim Request Card have only one more week in which to do so. Please do not forget your check could possibly be stopped!

For Veterans who might be interested in the Selective Service, or those who are seeking ad­ditional help, please stop by and see Leonard Bryant in Student Services.

There are approximately 750 Veterans on the FIU cam­pus...don't you think it's about time you had a meeting?

Vets transferring to FIU this quarter must secure a new certificate of eligibility.

1973

By Helen Mannion

This first, the month of the New Year of 1973 and war rages on; peace volleyed about a tense contained conflict in Vietnam and a Pare­nesian suburb; a young Black man confused and desperate reflects on his own life with the random, he randomly revenged in the streets of New Orleans; and most of America stayed in tune with the song of nothingness.

The people who burned, shouted and marched failed to answer the question or solve the problems. The political con­figuration has not changed, far­sically and today a Congress who won't tell Dick—STOP!

Father, have pity upon me!

...we are breathing from hunger (of the spirit);

There is nothing here to satisfy us.

(Arapaho Ghost Dance Song)

WALKATHON

The third annual March of Dimes Walkathon will be held Saturday, January 24. The 30 mile hike will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Orange Bowl. This year there will be busses to help those who cannot make the entire trip. Walkers and other helpers are needed and adults as well as the kids are encouraged to participate. Those interested may obtain material and information in Student Services office or call 666-1232.

The staff of ACTION takes pride in presenting our third Walkathon to you. We started as a mimeographed newsletter and have grown to our current status as a newspaper printed by Web offset presses.

...It takes a lot of work and time to produce this newspaper, but we could not have accomplished what we have without the help of many others. It would be impossible to mention all the people who have contributed to this effort. With great appreciation we wish to say thank you very much.

We also want to extend this opportunity to expand an interest in our school and the university community to become a part of ACTION. All staff members have contributed but the reward of a sense of accomplishment is long overdue.

...No previous experience is necessary. We welcome volun­teers in all phases of our operation. Salespersons, typists, writers, artists...everybody is welcome. Be a part of a growing thing. Join ACTION.
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 slick slogans, riots, protests, demonstrations, confrontations, and other mob temper tantrums, like bomb threats. This creep is the 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 students on their way to the parking lot..."see you tomorrow night, Maria.” That’s it buddy...those of us cleared the University classrooms last Thursday night will continue to do it the same way...“lackadaisical attitude 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 inclined to collect that which is not their...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.

Campus Security Chief Clark is a bit miffed by the...“for students who, signed for 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 computer again, you know 99 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, Psychology Department, delivered a baby girl January 3...must tell you, however, prof 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. 2220.

One of the by-products of military service is showing up on campus in abundant 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 people housed in them call them PC and DM...next one may be more difficult...how can you name a place with a rathskeller Drei Haus...see you round campus.

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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. When HAIR arrives at FIU, it is a film. WCETM 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, and reseen. The impact never lessens.

Granted, HAIR is an extraordinary experience. It’s unlikely that anyone who has seen it will ever be 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 guarantee that—like the original—it’ll make you a believer for life. Be you a rock fan, film buff, ardent theatre-goer, head, hardhat, dingbat or sophisticate, GO! It’s what we need.
Charles Perry: THE MAN

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 less than 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 smashed 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 naming 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; snailing 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 bat 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 ad­

ministrators 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 institutions.

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 ul­

most 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 premises Chuck Perry is aware that this system must never lose sight of the goals set forth for Florida In­

ternational University. The President explains, “A univer­

sity must complement the society in which it survives.”

Student unrest and disen­

chantment 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 demon­

strate 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 the wide-scale of conflict such as the cases with other institutions, mainly because of the essential nature 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 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 super system when FIU reaches maturity.
Mental Illness

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 anxiety 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 over half of all physical illness. Moreover, it is a factor in alcoholism and can lead to suicide. It is also an important factor in the social evils that beset our country and mankind.

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 379-3911. 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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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."

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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.

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