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ACTION

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Action Needed

Crisis Center Needs Student Volunteers



STUDENTS IN ACTION

Photo by JACK SEIDERMAN

Welcome Amigos

International understanding doesn't come automatically. It grows slowly as it is nurtured through decades, generations and centuries.

Operation Amigo International at F.I.U. is dedicated to cultivate such understanding among young people of this country and Latin America.

Last week, in the first such venture, F.I.U. students, faculty and staff welcomed 13 university students from Argentina as guests in their homes and at school.

The visitors have been active members of the First International Forum, organized for that purpose on campus; we urge you to participate too.

The road is open to F.I.U. students and the Argentinian students for direct exchange of ideas, and, learn much about each other. That knowledge will play important role in the future relationships between United States and Latin America.

Argentina is a great land, rich in its European background, rich in its historical heritage, rich in its resources. Its people are a gracious, hospitable people.

We hope the stay of our Amigos will be meaningful to the campus life of F.I.U. as well as full of unmatched experience for those who are involved directly with the project.

"To promote a greater mutual understanding among the people of the world" reads one of the goals of the university; time has come for F.I.U. students to be part of it.

Our thank you to those students, faculty and staff, and community participants who have contributed their time to make possible this first step toward achieving a true international understanding.

Welcome to our place Amigos from Argentine, we hope to make come true that sincere saying of the Latins: "My home is your home."

First Ever In Dade County

FIU Plans First Graduation Ceremony

By Robert Storch

In approximately four months, an estimated 150 FIU students will receive their diplomas in a ceremony which has never been held at a public upper division school in Dade County's history.

William Savely, Director of Registration, has requested all students completing their course requirements either this quarter or the Spring quarter to obtain a "FIU June 1973 Application for Graduation" form from their respective Departments. The forms are to be completed and returned by March 15, the deadline for students to apply for graduation in June.

Those students finishing course requirements this quarter will receive a "Certification of Graduation" upon authorization of their respective Departments.

The Winter and Spring term graduates will together partake in the school's first graduation ceremony, according to recommendations made by University Registrar Ron Butler to President Perry on February 13.

Butler's recommendations, the only actual work done on the graduation ceremony itself thus far, includes the suggestion that

the ceremony be formal and that a committee be established to plan the entire program. The committee would consist of two administrators and professional staff people, two academic deans, two faculty, one representative from student services, and two students.

Planning a graduation ceremony includes many various and sundry details and duties, and will have much work to do before next June, not the least of which is finding out who forgot to fill out their application forms by March 15.

Student Governance To Hold Meetings

By MICHAEL RAY

After months of hard work the Student Governance Committee will be holding hearings on their newly-finished constitution on the 26th, 27th and 28th of this month.

At these hearings, any FIU students wishing to discuss parts of their constitution will be able to do so freely.

It is most important that any objections to or additions to the constitution be made at these hearings so that any necessary changes can be made before the constitution is put to the vote of the student body.

The purposes of the hearings are: 1) To get something workable for the most amount of people; and 2) to permit students to participate democratically in their own governance.

The hearings will be held on the second floor of the Primera Casa Building, in the open area to the west of the cafeteria. On both

February 26th and 27th the hearings will be held from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM, and from 8:00 PM until 9:00 PM. On February 28th the hearings will last from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

Copies of the newly-finished constitution may be obtained in the Student Services Office, Room 220 PC.

A CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER ON FIU'S CAMPUS? Some students think it's a fine idea and have organized to do something about it.

A group of concerned students met Wednesday, February 14, to lay the ground-work for a center. Among those attending the organizational meeting were Dr. Barry Zwibelman, University of Miami's "Open Door" program coordinator and Steve Greenberg, the originator and coordinator of "Switchboard."

Greenberg, a Miami attorney, answered questions concerning legality and enumerated eight pertinent procedural steps in setting up a crisis intervention center.

The members, tentatively agreeing that the crisis center would be called "Listening Post" are receptive to other suggestions from anyone interested enough to contact them.

Still recruiting members for the center, they agreed to meet again on Monday, February 26. The meeting will be held in room D.M. 114 at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of the center is two fold: to aid FIU students in finding solutions to their problems, and to offer referrals either by telephone or in person. Their motto is: Helping others to help themselves.

"Although there are many problems inherent in organizing a crisis center, the members grow more confident and enthusiastic in proportion to the barriers which block their path," said Neil Herman, Chairman.

Immediately following the Student Governance Committee's official recognition of the center as a campus organization, the crisis center members plan to begin negotiations with the Dept. of Student Services for a room. Herman said they have our eyes on the numerous vacant offices housed in the once operative flight tower.

The Student Social Workers Association, a chapter of the National Federation of Student Social Workers, is actively supporting the crisis center as co-sponsor along with Action.

"Open Door" and "Switchboard" have also agreed to establish a close rapport with the FIU center. With their generous advice and assistance, the center will be functional as soon as a room can be made available. Those interested in helping the center can contact the members through ACTION or the Dept. of Student Services.

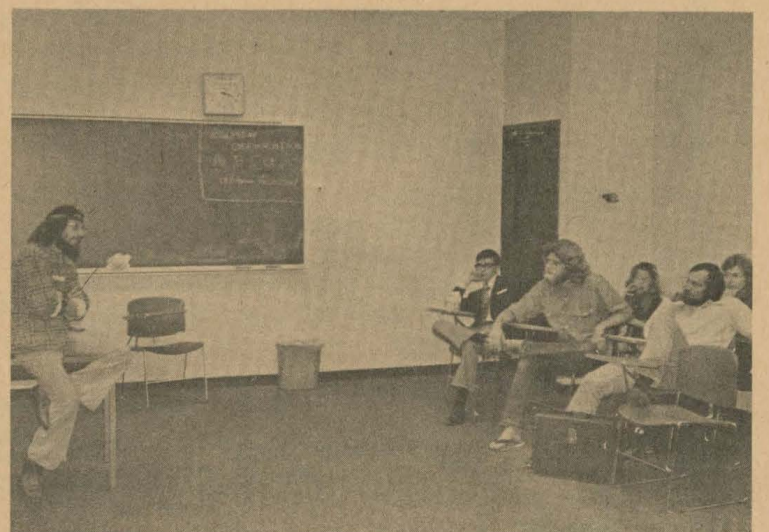


Photo by JACK SEIDERMAN

(on left) Neil Herman discusses with interested persons at the organizational meeting of The Crisis Center.

EDITORIALS

Is There A Future At FIU

In Memoriam

ACTION, Florida International University Independent Student Newspaper

November 27, 1972—February 23, 1973

During the first months at Florida International University, a number of meetings were held for students interested in the organization of a student newspaper. Two diverging opinions were reached: one to begin publication immediately and the second was to wait until sometime after January.

The persons who wished to begin immediate publication did so and thus the first issue of ACTION appeared November 17, 1972.

The goal of ACTION has been to present students with an unbiased and truthful representation of events happening at FIU. Later plans included expanding the scope to include coverage of all topics of student interest.

ACTION has repeatedly called out for students to volunteer to help. Some response was noted, but unfortunately it was slight. The burden of putting out a student newspaper for 6,000 students has continually rested on the shoulders of a few.

This burden can be borne for just so long, however, and that time has been reached. The average staff member is taking 20+ credit hours and also holds at least part-time employment. Most, if not all, are weeks behind in their studies.

Had the response been greater, the result would have undoubtedly been different. We appreciate the growing number of "when I feel like it" contributors and groups, but a newspaper cannot survive on that. It needs a dedicated and energetic staff willing to put forth the necessary efforts to reach publication on a definite schedule.

The present staff has fulfilled this void, but the number of members has been so few that the amount of time and energies needed has been too taxing on each individual.

Contributing to these problems, the ACTION staff has been involved in many meetings concerning room allocation, independent status, student governance, etc. that has required great amounts of additional time and effort. Had these problems not existed, or had ACTION received greater cooperation in solving them, perhaps ACTION might have been able to survive.

ACTION'S coverage of student government activities has not helped in our fight for life. We have consistently tried to be honest and fair in reporting all sides of issues confronting Student Activities and Student Governance so that all FIU students would be knowledgeable of what is happening.

Rather than suggestions or honest criticisms, we have received a continuing barrage of disparaging remarks.

In fact, three of the five members of the Student Governance Budget Committee are presently organizing their own newspaper, MASCOT. We wish them the best of luck in printing a newspaper as we still honestly feel that there is a definite need for one on the FIU campus.

We only hope that they can be fair enough to give honest and accurate reporting of all sides of the issue—not just theirs. We further question if they can continue to serve in both capacities and do a fair job without infringing on the responsibilities of either position.

We would have hoped that they might have approached us and offered their services to ACTION, rather than try to compete.

This is an obituary for ACTION, but unlike a normal obituary the death of ACTION can still be reversed. A number of present staff members have agreed to continue working for a student newspaper if a sufficient number of new persons get involved.

In hopes that the continued success of an independent student newspaper might be realized, I am resigning my post as editor. As of next issue, Bob Barry will assume this position. I urge all interested students to get involved and help assure ACTION for students.

Scott Jay, Editor
ACTION, Florida International University
Independent Student Newspaper

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ACTION is independently published without state funds by students at FIU. ACTION may be reached c/o the Office of Student Services, Room 220 PC. ACTION welcomes all comments, criticisms, and suggestions. All letters to the editor must be signed and a phone number should be included, however, identification will be withheld upon request.

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Letters to the Editor

Food Additives

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

What we are engaged in is a project to eliminate the sale of foods containing risky or untested additives when more positive alternatives are readily available. By creating awareness and cooperation among students, faculty, and administrators of this institution we hope to not only increase the healthfulness of this community, but to also establish an effective and constructive means of spreading the awareness and changes throughout the community at large.

DANGERS AND UNNECESSARY RISKS INVOLVED IN PRESERVATIVES:

The introduction of synthetic and highly processed foods into the diet is in effect introducing a powerful unknown into the process of human evolution. There is no known way of testing the effects of an ingested additive one year after its ingestion, though many times additives remain in the tissue that long or longer.

Furthermore, the mere fact that a chemical tests safely on a laboratory animal is no proof that it is safe in other animals or human beings. Thalidomide was proven to be harmless in experimental animals, but disastrous in human embryos.

Perhaps the least publicized of all the effects of additives are their effects on intelligence, memory, learning, and cognition. Is it possible that the foods Americans consume make them less clear minded, apathetic, dull, or less capable of individual creative thinking. Many drugs do have these effects. What effects might additives have?

Black Student Union

Dear Editor:

The organizing of a Black Student Union is designed to bring about unity, understanding, culture, pride, and self realization. It is out of these needs that the first BSU was organized at Florida International University.

With this understanding the first meetings were held last quarter on Sunday afternoons, during which Leroy Bryant, Jr. was elected president of our organization. After several meetings we organized a tentative objective list. Included was interest in an international relationship with Africa, by having one month out of the year for exchange of students with Nigeria. Secondly we are interested in organizing an academic committee, which will consist of having tutoring service for those students who need help. Helping them to meet the strong academic requirements at the University.

As the organization develops, we are planning to open up a scholarship fund for needy Black students. Which we feel will help many Blacks from geographically deprived areas. These are just a few of the objectives that we feel can be accomplished through the understanding and cooperation of the administration.

With the first quarter of school closing, the BSU extended a recruitment dance to the entire student body of FIU. The dance turned out to be very successful because newly registered students were made aware of this organization.

During Black Relevance Week many activities were held expressing Black awareness. Included were art exhibits, guest speakers, and rap sessions honoring such great individuals as Frederick Douglass, George Washington Carver, Malcolm X, Phyllis Wheatley, Martin Luther King Jr. and many others. These activities were open to the entire student body with hope that they'd bring better cultural understanding. Eventually, sometime in the future we hope to bring many influential Blacks as guest speakers.

Aaron Dixon, Jr.

SAMPLE OF FOOD SERVED AT

FIU AND LISTED ADDITIVES

Lays Potato Chips: Contains unnecessary BHT & BHA. Distributors argue that this is necessary because the food is stored for months. Does one wish to eat food stored for months if fresh produce is available? Artificial spices and flavorings.
DOLLY MADISON FRUIT PIE: Enriched flour, artificial color.
Doritos: BHT, BHA, MSG, Artificial color.

Aunt Fanny's Pecan Twirls: Artificial flavor, dough-

conditioners, mono and diglycerides.

Lance Toastchee: BHT, BHA, Monoglyceride citrate, Propyl gallate.

Chetos: Vegetable oil with BHT & BHA.

Frank Loeser, of food services, has been very helpful in bringing health food to FIU. Soon more preservative free health foods will be available at the cafeteria. Try them. If you like them tell the people who work at the counter about it.

Signed,
Martin Rosenthal



Unless he gets more blood—it looks hopeless.

Round Campus

with bob barry

"Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stop than when we soar."

The university is racing toward the end of its second quarter and with it are plans for some to graduate into the real world of nine to five. But there is another part of the community at FIU that will remain and endure till their day comes, it is specifically to these people we write today.

Our university has not yet established a school of journalism but some people have taken the initiative to bring to the campus an organ of communication of, by and for the students. This newspaper. Those who have ever joined a new experience know the pain of growth ... the depression of failure ... the joy of success. This student newspaper for all its shortcomings is a success, you're reading it.

In our last edition we wrote of the student governance committee and the unselfish work they've done, 52 times they met and have now prepared a constitution for your comment. This will be the second time this small group of people has come to you for comment and support ... remember the form we all received in the mail to help this formulating committee understand our needs and wants. Not too many years in the future FIU will be huge ... within a year it will be "The" University in Miami in enrollment. We will all be very proud someday soon to say we attended this institution and we feel some elements of it need your help today to be the great university tomorrow. The student government is one ... this newspaper is another.

Beginning with the next issue we will change our format ... we have the need of a few people to edit copy, English majors would be great ... we need a few people to do lay out, Art Majors would have a challenge and fun.

We need a few people who have something to say to write it down and let our editorial staff help you get it said ... but most of all we need the student body to tell us whether or not they even want a student newspaper. Three or four people just can't take the load of the whole process ... a little help from our friends and we can all be proud ... you know that "get involved thing."

CEC Meets

The new FIU Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children held its first meeting January 31, on campus. Two prominent women involved in the Miami and State Chapters of CEC were guest speakers. The Permanent officers elected were Deborah Murphy, President; Andrea Stuart, Vice-President; Linda Harland, Secretary; and Ronnit Friedman, Treasurer.

Members are looking forward to the upcoming CEC State Convention in St. Petersburg on February 15, 16, and 17. The FIU Chapter is sending two delegates to the convention. Deborah Murphy will run for State President, and Ronnit Friedman will run for State Secretary of the Student CEC.

This ACTION began with a small dedicated group and a mimeograph machine ... it's now ten pages of newsprint and virtually the same dedicated group ... along the way great support has been received from many people like the media center artists ... the secretaries in Student Services ... the special assistant to the university president and Dean Clark and Terry Spence ... we haven't necessarily agreed with all the policies or decisions of all the people but we have honestly tried to give the campus a service and without these people it was impossible. Thank you all ...

We say that now because we hope to continue with a change to incorporate more students in our venture, but if no one steps forward and wants to reach out a helping hand ... well it's our campus ... our school ... our newspaper ... we the students are the university ... what happens is up to us ... we wonder how close wisdom is? ... see you round campus people.

Environmental Action Group Formed

By J. Parker

A group called ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION has recently been formed on the FIU campus. Composed of students, faculty, and staff, the organization plans to sponsor and promote activities that are of ecological importance.

Some of their initial projects include campus bike paths and facilities, a recycling center, conservation at FIU, field trips and environmental legislation.

They plan to meet the second Monday of each month at 8:30 p.m. in D.M. 323. For further information on their activities call Jack Parker or Ruth Weiner, FIU x2327.

Prayer For Future Of FIU--- Humanity

MY PRAYER

Dear Editor:

A few days ago I gazed out of the window and in so doing I noticed the bumper sticker which was on my car, it read F.I.U. in '72, I then decided to write my prayer for F.I.U. in '92.

I pray that FIU being a new University with its new concepts of the three R's, the night classes, and no F's will form the mold that will pour out for all times to come. Students that will be ready to except change and begin to set a new path of destiny in all fields of learning, living, and loving.

I pray that these students will never again enforce on mankind or let it be enforced upon them the type of conflict that has just ended.

I pray that each student leaving FIU will carry with him an unlimited amount of goodwill, love, trust, and devotion to man, school and country.

I pray that with every degree she or he may leave along with it it will with in itself encompass many degrees of self determination, faith, and respect not only for his choosen field or profession but of that of all professions.

I pray that we will compete selectively in a winning spirit in our University sports program but unselectively on the gaint fields and stadiums in life-not live only to win for ourselves or profession but for the game of life for all mankind and his needs.

I pray that the largest bodies of enrollment, the nursing and law enforcement departments will someday be able to aid and hopefully eliminate our physical ills and social evils.

I pray that those of us who must as we may find the way hard or even lose our way in some form of sorrow that to recall those days spent at FIU will bring some from or token of cheer.

I pray that none of us will become so large or so important in what ever we undertake as our choosen field that we will ever forget that their is still higher and greater rewards to be had.

MY FINAL PRAYER THAT AFTER TWENTY YEARS NOT ONLY I, BUT ALSO YOU, WILL ONCE AGAIN LOOK BACK AT DEAR OLD FIU.

By Joe Nathan Holley
Custodial II-Staff

HUH?!?

By Robert Storch

Much consternation and concern has been raised by faculty, staff, and student over the names of the educational edifices on the FIU campus.

Thus far, not much complaint has been heard about 'Primera Casa' and 'Deuxieme Maison', other than the mute point that no one can pronounce them very fast except the faculty at Modern Languages.

The main thrust of discontent seems to be heralded at the buildings on the west side of the campus (affectionatly nicknamed "the pit"). Although no one wonders what language the 'Modular' building is, great anxiety has arisen over the 'Long' building.

The 'Long' building, says the Political Science Department, was named after Huey Long, while the Math Department claims the title came from the honoring of Long Division. To add to the imbrogio, the English Department swears that the namers had Longfellow in mind, while the psychology Department was overheard mumbling something about "long suppressed desires."

In any event, the real person the "Long" building was named after will probably be contested for a long, long time to come.



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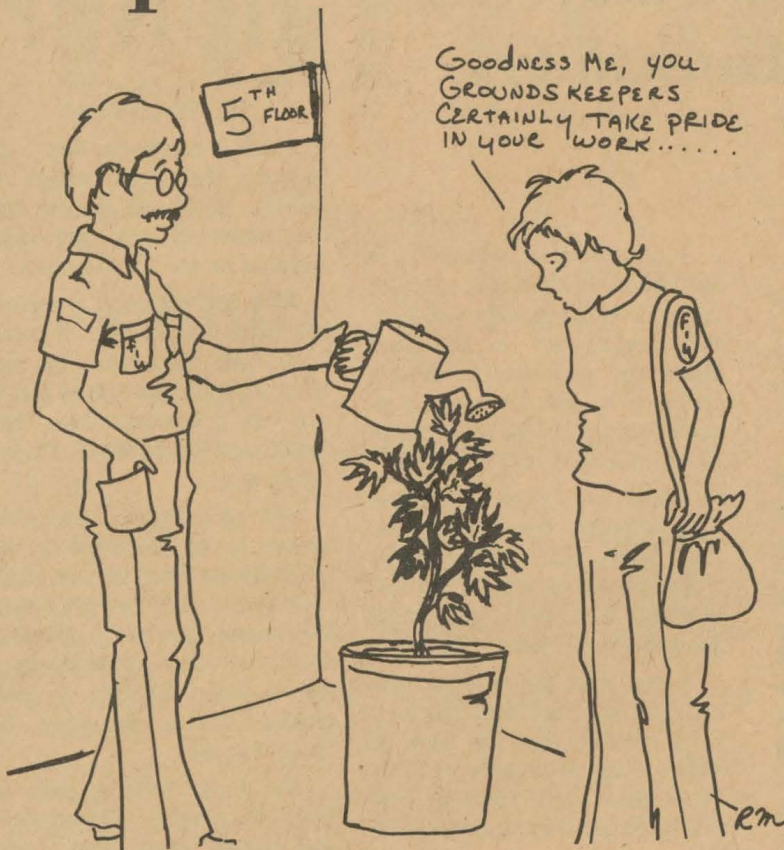
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Dade County Personal Crisis Center Helps With All -- Personal Problems

By ROBERT FOREMAN

The Personal Crisis Service is an emergency telephone service in Dade County offering immediate aid to people with pressing personal problems. When you're on duty with the Service, you never know what the next phone call will bring.

Every month, over 200 people call the Crisis Service for assistance. The calls are varied and they reflect the fears, frustrations and problems of people.

The caller might be a would-be suicide phoning for someone to help him avoid committing the final deed to which his despair is pushing him. Possibly he is somebody with crushing family problems or someone who feels trapped by financial disaster. He might be an alcoholic. He might be a person who knows he has an incurable, fatal illness and is terrified by the merciless, relentless approach of death. He might be an addict. He might merely be requesting the square root of 81 or a good recipe for lasagna. He might be anything from a pregnancy out of wedlock and the problem of an unwanted human life that is at its beginning to a potential suicide whose life might be approaching its end.

Whatever the problem, one thing is for sure—the person is calling for help.

What do you do? That depends on the nature of the problem as well as on the nature of the caller. There's no pat formula. No sure fire method. Often you will find yourself handling something that was not even covered in your training.

The most important thing you do is listen. You listen to what the caller says and to the way he says it. You listen not only to what he seems to be saying but to what he may really be saying. You listen because you want to communicate with him, you want to understand him, you want to help him.

In fact, sometimes all the caller needs to enable him to deal with his crisis is someone to talk to. Someone who shows interest in his thoughts and feelings. Someone who will listen.

The most pressing and immediately important call is the one from a person threatening to take his own life. Last year, 100 or more people called the Personal Crisis Service because they felt they were on the verge of destroying themselves. There is no way of telling how many people had suicide in their mind when they called but didn't mention it.

Some 20,000 Americans are known to kill themselves every year. Estimates of the number of unsuccessful attempts in the United States each year run as high as 150,000 or more.

What causes a person to want to do away with himself? The answers to this aren't clear. One thing is clear. A person who is so overwhelmed by the problems of life that life itself no longer seems bearable needs help. He

needs it fast. He needs it right then as he struggles between the inborn wish to live and the demanding desire to die.

That's why suicide prevention services have been springing up all across America, why the Personal Crisis Service in our community includes suicide prevention service.

The Personal Crisis Service offers its assistance free of charge. Every call is kept completely confidential and the caller identifies himself by his first name only. Anyone with a problem that in his mind has reached the point of being a crisis may dial 379-261. A volunteer worker is on duty every day, 24 hours a day.

Like every other worker at the Crisis Service, you're a volunteer. You're there because you know you're needed, you want to help others.

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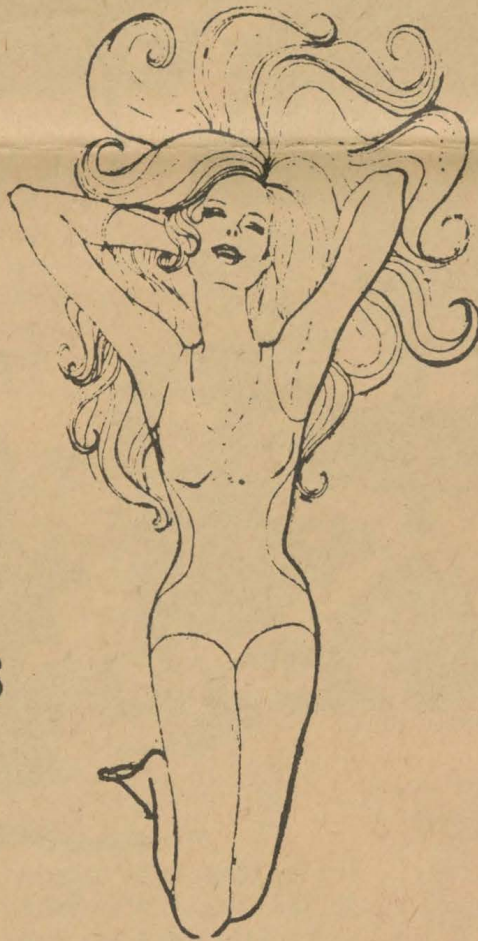
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DOCK MATES Boutique



DOCKMATES, 5804 Bird Rd., stocks imports for men and women (10% off to any FIU student). Left: Sherry in a halter and skirt (comes with jacket, \$24). Center: Carlota in a handwoven dress from Guatamala (\$22). Right: Diane in a beach shmata (\$15).



Caftans are great for hanging around. These worn by Sara, left, and Carlota, right, are \$22 and \$30, and can be found at the PAMPERED LADY in the Dadeland Mall along with a full assortment of lingerie.



Diane in a backless halter (\$6) and cord jeans (\$10) with Michael in a print shirt (\$14) and jeans (\$11) at the PANTS PAD, 9562 Bird Rd. Bring this ad any Mon-Fri 12-9 or Sat 10 to 6 for \$1 off on any pants.



Carlota, left, in a polyester long dress (\$38); Sherry, center, in a cotton big-leg pants set (\$24); Sara, right, in a polyester long dress (\$38); all from the CASUAL SHOP in the Dadeland Mall.

*Lewell
Parlato*

Vets Corner

Since we now have over 900 Veterans and we are growing everyday, isn't it about time we organize! There will be a Veterans Meeting on March 14, 1973, at 11:00 a.m. in Primera Casa 530 (Student Lounge). We will be discussing a Veteran's Club, it's organization and purpose of having such a club on our campus. Pertinent subjects on your educational benefits will be reviewed so PLAN TO ATTEND!

Uppermost in the mind of a Veteran is his V.A. Check! When it doesn't arrive "on time" it can easily upset your whole way of life. Since the new law permits payment of allowance each month in advance, "on time" would mean you should receive your check within the first week of each month.

change schools your check is delayed, but don't worry. When you do get it, it will be retroactive to the beginning of that quarter. When you transfer, you should promptly notify your present school that you are withdrawing or graduating. If you don't, it may be a number of months before they cancel you. If this happens, you will get a bill from St. Petersburg stating the amount that you will get a bill from St. Petersburg stating the amount that you owe them. If you enroll immediately in a new school with a new Certificate of Eligibility and are certified there, disregard the letter because they will deduct the overpayment from your first check. Remember, VA will always pay you what they owe you and will always ask you to return it when you owe them.

There have been some questions about whether the checks are continuous, even for the breaks between quarters, e.g. the month break at Christmas. If you are enrolled for half-time or more you will receive a full check for each month of the academic year (first 3 quarters). Refer to the academic calendar for exact dates. A transfer student will be paid through his last day of attendance. His next check will begin on the first day of the session at the new school.

When payments are not received within 4-6 weeks, it could be due to one of the following:

1. Is your address correct? If it has changed you should notify the V.A. immediately. (Forms are available in the Office of Registration)

2. Have you received an Award Letter? This usually comes a few weeks before your first check and states your beginning and ending date and your monthly rate.

3. Have you allotted enough time between the submission of necessary documents for the payments to have been processed? Normally it takes 4-6 weeks from the time you turn in your Certificate of Eligibility until you get your first check.

4. Have previous periods of training if any, been certified? Attendance certifications for previous training are required before payment for any subsequent enrollment can be released.

The student will receive only one Certification of Attendance,

Most students will receive this card in their May check since their period of enrollment ends June 13. The student should complete the card immediately after receiving it and return it directly to the Veterans Administration.

If the student fails to return his card, he will not receive additional checks and will not be authorized further benefits by the Veterans Administration.

If you have any questions about non-receipt of checks, you should contact the VA representative in the Registration Office. In addition, you can send inquiries to the following address:

Check Inquiry Unit, F & DP Division
VA Regional Office
PO Box 1437
St. Petersburg, FL 33731

Charlie Brown

By wbs

There have been in the last several years any number of articles on the "Peanuts" phenomenon, analyzing every aspect of the cartoon strip from its religiosity to the authenticity of Snoopy's credentials as a folk hero.

But one aspect not yet touched down, to our knowledge, is Charlie Brown as a symbol of the real American ideal: mediocrity. Shocking thesis? Not really. Just take a look at our recent history: the elevation to the Presidency of one of America's pettiest men, the incredible Richard Nixon, and the virtual annihilation of a tiny albeit troublesome country by one of the greatest world powers.

Beyond these examples, think a bit further back. Is it possible to believe the depths to which Lyndon Johnson plunged once that erstwhile innately decent man was infected with the cancer of Vietnam? And look at the death of the demi-god JFK, who lost his head (or enough of it to count) on a pre-campaign swing through Texas. And is it creditable that not yet 13 years after they ended, Americans should be looking back on the stagnant Eisenhower years as an era of peace and good will on Earth?

If distinct inferences of mediocrity cannot be drawn from all of the above, then perhaps this reporter is merely too cynical by half.

But, leaving the grand illusion of American politics behind, let us look briefly at our culture and environment. Color TV and football every weekend, self-destructing cars and pre-fab

houses, frozen dinners and canned laughs; ah, the utter adequacy of it all. We label Warhol an artist par excellence, Hope and Sinatra entertainers, and Norman Vincent Peale a deep-thinker and are content—indeed, delighted—with the blandness of the deed.

So is it any wonder that we so readily empathise with Charlie Brown who with pluck and doggedness pursues his goal of mediocrity. Charlie is the essential American: frustrated, almost humorless, betrayed by his peers (Lucy, the utterly faithless, off-stage "little, red-haired girl", and even Snoopy, who only just barely tolerates him), perplexed and put-upon.

Without the bigotry of a Bunker or the quasi-authority of an Agnew—also an essentially fictional character—Charlie Brown is a little American Everyman. Schlep on Charlie, you're closer to Mr. America than Charlie Atlas ever was.

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Thoreau In Jail Staged At FIU Beginning March 2

By HELEN MANNION

"Mama," the blonde student assistant for the Theatre Department walks into the director's office and inquires the whereabouts of her superior. Good question; I've been looking for him too. Trying to make contact with a busy man isn't easy. Well, someone once told me, "If you can't handle the river noise, don't run with the river boys." "Mama" found a note—Helen—go to DM 150, signed Phil. There's the man.

Philip Giberson was amidst the debris used to convert a lecture hall into a fully equipped theatre. Relaxed and leaning back on a folding chair I found Giberson explaining vocal variation to a young man who will play one of the characters in the upcoming play. The advice . . . "Experiment and discover." The director looks up at me and is ready to share his ideas about his art and his work. "Experimental . . . that is what a university theatre ought to be." Documenting his opinion Giberson explains his plans for next year, "We want to export theatre to the community. We would like to go to South Beach, parks, elementary schools, and the streets." Ideas for a better theater program at FIU. "Next year we will try to offer three work-study students the experience of going out to Dade County parks and teach children creative dramatics for half-day," Giberson continues.

In light of the international commitment at FIU this theatre group would like to see plays written by foreign playwrights performed on campus and to host foreign faculty members. The Argentinean students who are part of the Operation Amigo program will be some of the first people to view the upcoming play, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail."

"Thoreau . . ." is a two act play to be featured March 2, 3, 4, and 9, 10, 11 in DM 150. The price of admission is \$1.50 and tickets may be purchased at the cashiers office at PC, at the office of Fine Arts at DM, from any drama student, and from any member of the cast. Ed Ericsson, a theatre

major will star as Henry David Thoreau and Roy Millsa, also a major, will be the assistant director in this production which will "consider the questions of war."

Casting for this play was open to the community. Giberson explains casting as, "The most critical aspect of a theatre production. Casting directs itself to good people and ideas." Ten of the 21 people in this play are from FIU, and others are from the community at large.

Giberson, an actor himself, interprets his department as, "Production oriented as opposed to academic. 'Doing' theatre, embracing historical theatre as a tool and resource."

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The tour will include meals and complimentary beverage service aboard the flights between cities and transfers to and from destinations. Gratis breakfast service will be provided at the hotel.

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Relating his concept of censorship he takes a breath and says, "I don't think within an art form the question of taste should ever come up. All that exists is potential subject matter for art. The individual has the choice of censorship in the ability to leave. What is obscene is that which hurts life or is as destructive activity."

made bby March 1. A check or money order should be made payable to T.R.I.P. Please enclose your name, nationality, address, and telephone number and forward your remittance to FIU School of Hotel, Food and Travel; attention to T.R.I.P. Since there will be only 138 seats available, reservations are limited to a first come first serve basis.

If anyone is interested and wishes to expedite matters, please come to the office of the School of Hotel, Food, and Travel (DM 4th floor) and ask for a T.R.I.P. representative of Joe Von Kornfeld, president.

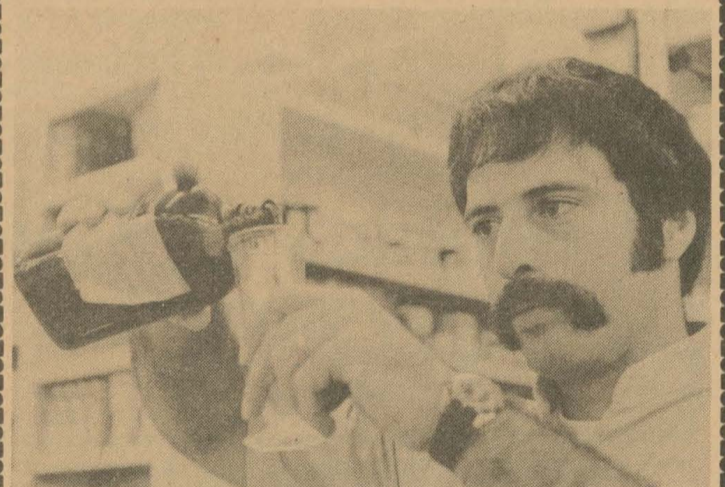
Baseball(cont.)

"Our main objective was to determine the strengths and weaknesses, to move the talent around and find out how much depth we had," Wonderling said. "Our pitching depth was questionable and we needed another infielder. We helped solve that by recruiting a number of players who completed their junior college requirements this past fall."

The starting lineup made up of Douglas Cornett of Richmond, Kentucky, catcher; Larry Hoskin, Suffield, Mass., first baseman; Martin Jacobs, Hollywood, Fl., second baseman; Jim Knox, Pittsburgh, Pa., shortstop; Mike Sanz, Miami, Fl., third baseman; Danny Price, Whitakers, NC., left field; Derek Crass, Clarksville, Tenn., center field; and Howie Finklestein, Miami, right field added five more runs to the board midway through the ballgame. Marty Jacobs and Derek Crass scored in the sixth, Baumgardner in the seventh, while Doug Cornett and Mike Sanz added two more in the eighth.

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Attention! Hillsborough Community College graduates from Tampa are requested to contact Mr. Doug Hartnagel at Primera Casa 211 or phone Ext. 2311.

The American Marketing Association is having a meeting Saturday February 24 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will feature a guest speaker talking on the topic of marketing research and will be held in DM 323.

Charles Perry, president of FIU is conducting an informal, open discussion session Tuesday, February 27 at the central lounge of Primera Casa. The "rap

session" is to be held from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. and 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. This will be the first of a series of such discussions and is open to all members of the university community.

The VITA Community Service Locations beginning Saturday, February 24, at all centers and ending April 15 are:

Florida International University—Saturday: 9-12 and 1-4 (PC 438); Wednesday: 1-4 p.m. (PC 438)

"Teaching Modern Dance to Children" was the subject of a modern dance workshop given by Ms. Billie Kirpich at FIU on

February 16, for Education students taking EEL 306, Aesthetic Experiences for Children.

Ms. Kirpich, former Professor of Dance with New York State University at Buffalo, has given numerous dance workshops, including workshops for teachers with Headstart and students in Education Studies at NYSU. She is presently working with teachers in the Model Cities program through MDJC-North Campus.

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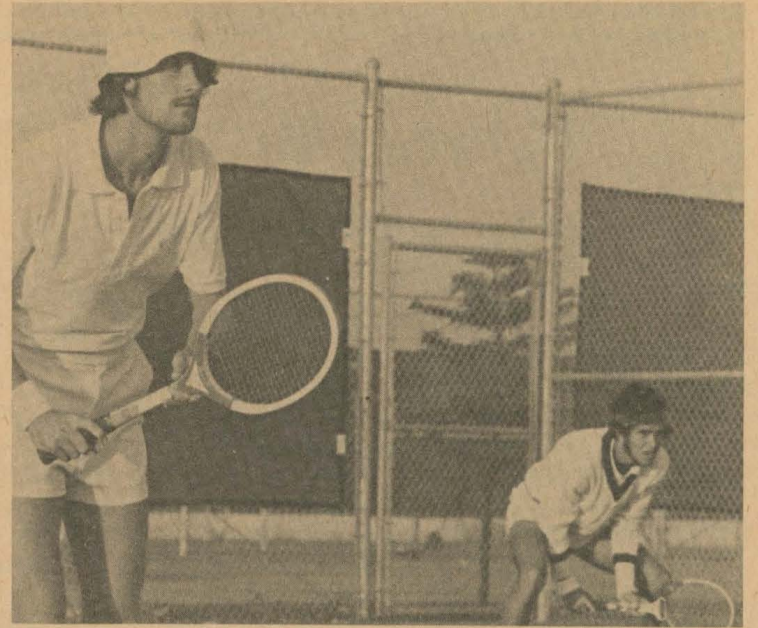


Photo by STEPHEN HORWITZ
Shown in action during the recent tournament against Broward Jr. College, which FIU won, 5-2, are FIU's doubles tennis team (1-4) Phil Compton and Rudy Vargas.

Winning is the name of the game, especially when it comes to collegiate athletics in the South Florida area. Those schools which do not beat the top caliber teams within the Miami radius do not make the headlines, unless their locker rooms are based at the athletic powerful University of Miami. The abilities of FIU soccer team paved the way for the spring athletic season, which has been laden in recent weeks with major sports victories out on the playing fields.

A strong contingent of FIU wrestlers, thriving on their abilities in the various weight classes, put in their best rounds of the season at Broward in the State Championships, Feb. 9-10. Reggie Johnson provided the chief competition for the defending state champion, John Rawley of Broward in the 167-pound weight class. He finished third in the standings at the tournament represented by 11 Florida colleges. Clint Riley and Ernest Lundy assisted in the accumulation of the school's nine points with a fifth in the 150-pound and sixth in the 134-pound weight classes. Coach John Munson's matmen returned to Broward three days later, where Johnson suffered a knee injury with a 1-0 lead in the third period, cutting his chances for a victory over Rawley.

In the women's golf circles, defending Eastern Regional Champion, Pat Bradley will represent FIU in the Rollins Intercollegiate Invitational at Winter Park last weekend. The 22-year-old Massachusetts golfer hopes to form the nucleus of an all-girl squad on campus next season. A woman's slow pitch softball intercollegiate team is now one jump ahead of the golf program, due to the efforts of Coach Judy Blucker. All girls whose abilities are out on the diamond should contact her at Ext. 2661.

Along the court side, the tennis roster has been shuffled

due to the loss of several top players on the squad. On Feb. 6, the FIU netters traveled to Miami-Dade JC South, where Rudy Vargas and Dick Ewers registered opening victories. Vargas triumphed in the singles competition with sets of 5-7, 6-2, and 6-2, before pairing up with Phil Compton of Miami to capture the doubles action, 6-3, 6-1. Rackets were swung again in Tampa, Feb. 9-10 where the tennis team met up with top ranking South Florida, to lose before suffering 5-4 losses to Tampa and Florida Southern. The record, however, is no indication of William Fleming's culmination of tennis ability.

The rugged northern sport of lacrosse had been directed out on the playing field by Dr. Paul Hartman, who is still in search of stickmen to participate in a nine game schedule. The team makes its debut at FIU the first week of March against the University of Michigan.

Intramural athletics, too have been making the headlines, with the Blues team now dropping to second place in the 3-man basketball standings. The Wrestlers, hot on their trail throughout the season, now sport a 7-2 record to the Blues 7-4, and have taken over the first place position.

FIU Wins Opener

First baseman Larry Hoskin's home run in the top of the fourth inning provided FIU with the needed initiative to trounce Miami-Dade JC South, 6-0 in the season opener on Feb. 10.

Exhibiting his abilities on the mound, similar to his display at Miami-Dade JC North last season, Frank Baumgardner pitched a two hitter game, and an impressionable one for the team's initial season of play.

The game held at the Dade campus provided a season preview that brightened the spirits of Coach Tom Wonderling and uplifted the batting averages of his entire squad, as they held the Jaguars scoreless in nine innings of play.

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