Welcome Amigos

International understanding doesn’t come automatically. It grows slowly as it is nurtured to cultivate such understanding. Last week, in the first such venture, F.I.U. students, faculty and staff welcomed 13 university international guests from Argentina as guests in their homes and at school.

The visitors have been active members of the First International Forum, organized for its 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 to 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 Argentina, we hope to make come true that sincere saying of the Latin: "My home is your home."

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 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 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. On February 28th the hearings will last from 6:00 PM until 8:00 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.

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By Robert Siarch

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

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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.

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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 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. Students, who have not been involved, are still being asked. 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 so long, however, and that time has been reached. The average student is taking 20+ credit hours and also holds at least part-time employment. Most, if not all, are weeks behind in their studies.

The present staff has fulfilled this void, but the number of members has been so few that the sum of 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 student governance, etc. This 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, MASCOM. 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

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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, much less 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?

SAMPLE OF FOOD SERVED AT FIU AND LISTED ADDITIVES

Lays Potato Chips: Contains unnecessary BHT & BHA. Distributors argue that this is necessary because food is stored for months. Does one wish to eat food stored for months if fresh produce is available?

DOLLY MADISON FRUIT PIE: Artificial flavors and fillings.

ARTIFICIAL FLAVORS AND FILLINGS

Artificial flavor, dough—conditioners, mono and diglycerides.

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

Chotoes: Vegetable oil with BHT & BHA.

Frank Lesser, 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,

Aaron Dixon, Jr.

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Unless he gets more blood—it looks hopeless.
Prayer For Future Of FIU --- Humanity

MY PRAYER

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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 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 chosen field or profession but of that of all professions.
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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 more 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.

When does a person 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 379-381. 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.

You do get paid—by the feeling of satisfaction you enjoy when someone is helped. You get paid by the increased dimensions the work adds to your own life.
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 Guatemala ($22). Right: Diane in a beach shirtdress ($15).

Diane in a backless halter ($6) and cord jeans ($10) with Michael in a print shirt ($14) and jeans ($11) at the PANTS PAD, 952 Bird Rd. Bring this ad any Mon-Fri 12-9 or Sat 10 to 6 for $1 off on any pants.

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.

Carlota, left, in a polyester long dress ($38); Sherry, center, in a cotton big-leg pants set ($18); Sara, right, in a polyester long dress ($38); all from the CASUAL SHOP in the Dadeland Mall.

Photos by William Irvine
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, its 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. If the check is delayed, begin on the first day of the month break at Christmas. If payments are not received within 4-6 weeks, it means you should receive your check within the first week of each month.

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 to get your first check.
4. Have you attended Department of Education courses? You can find information on the VA Website.

The student will receive only one Certification of Attendance, stating the amount that you owe them. Remember, VA will always pay you what they owe you and will always ask you to return it when it has been released.

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

But, leaving the grand illusion of America's pettiest man, the incredible Richard Nixon, and the virtual annihilation of a tiny albeit troublesome country by one of the greatest world powers.

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 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 be released within 4-6 weeks, it will be retroactive to the beginning of that quarter. When you transfer, you should promptly notify your present school that you are changing schools your check is delayed, but don't worry. When you 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 changing schools. 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. When 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 anything they owe you and will always ask you to return it when it has been released.

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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:

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**Thoreau In Jail**

**Staged At FIU**

**Beginning March 2**

By HELEN MANNON

"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," the blonde student assistant for the Theatre Department, continues.

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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 powerhouse 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. B

The 134-pound weight classes. Coach John Munson's matmen returned to Broward three days later, where College, which FIU won, 5-2, are FIU's doubles tennis team)(1-4) Phil Compton and Rudy Vargas.

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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 impressive 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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