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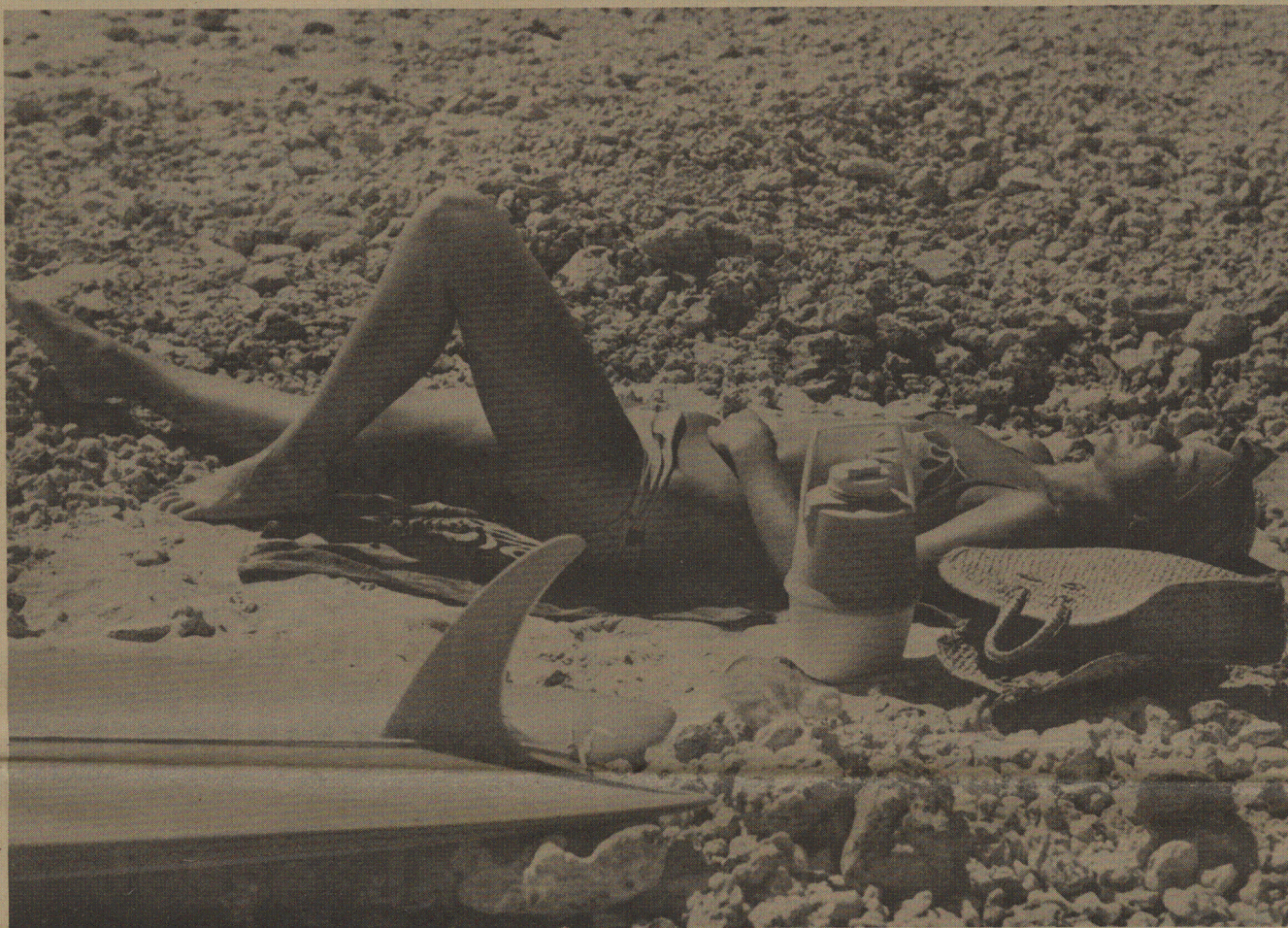
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Florida International University

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THURSDAY, May 23, 1974



South Beach:

Nature made it

for us to share

... but

not to spoil

FRED VALDES
STAFF WRITER

The summer season is just around the corner and soon the beaches of South Florida will be crowded with sun bathers, bikinis and pounds of tanning oil.

The sand, the seagulls, the sea and the sky will host the weary and tired students after months of hard school work and perhaps that beautiful gift of nature that one finds and shares, will ease the overworked minds of some people and bring back a peaceful feeling in their lives.

However, there is one beach which used to be among the cleanest and untouched beaches in Miami Beach. The half a mile stretch known as South Beach between the pier on first street and Ocean Drive and Government Cut is now covered with mountains of rocks from a dredging project in the waterway to allow bigger ships to come into the port of Miami.

The once very clean water has now acquired the appearance of milk. Most of the huge rocks known as "the jetties" which served to enhance marine life are now gone and the long stretch of sand where often students could play football, since the length of the beach could walked without even finding a small rock, is now covered by sharp rocks. The beach has the aspect of a construction site for another hotel or condominium.

There is hope however of the beach being cleaned of the

rocks and the debris from all the dredging.

According to Thacker Ross, resident engineer of the Army Corps of engineers, a meeting was held with officials from the city of Miami Beach to discuss the removal of the rocks and cleaning of the beach.

"This project should start within the next ten days and we will try to clean the beach, even the rocks found in the water. This should take about forty to sixty days," said Ross.

Jack, the owner of the small pizza stand situated at the corner of the parking lot, feels pretty confident the cleaning project will be realized. He has seen kids come and go at South Beach for the last nine years. His multi-line phone rings constantly and is answered by Jack (as every one knows him) with the word "SOUTH". This is followed by a quick information on the size of the waves and the surfing conditions of the day.

"There are a lot less people at the beach now, the condition that it is now has kept some kids away," said Jack as he prepared to stick a pizza into the oven. "We live in the north section of town. I have a ten year old son, and I hope by the time he is ready for his last two years of college the FIU interama campus will be a great institution."

Perhaps by the middle of this summer the students at FIU and everybody else will be able to enjoy South Beach the way it was. The way that nature made it for us to share, but not to spoil.

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Food committee continues despite charter date

JOE QUINTERO

Staff Writer

The Food Services Committee, whose function is to make recommendations on the food services to Administrative Affairs, will remain in operation indefinitely, although the original charter called for dissolution at the end of the 1974-75 school year.

The Advisory Committee holds periodic meetings, which students are encouraged to attend, in which complaints and

suggestions about the university's food services are heard. The Committee then makes recommendations as to what steps to take to improve the food services.

The committee has refrained from making recommendations until they see the results of the new food services facilities. The school cafeteria will open in the new building about three weeks into the Summer term.

Servomation, which is currently in charge of food services in Primera Casa, will keep the contract for the new

cafeteria, and expects to go into negotiations for a new contract.

The new cafeteria will offer varied food services on weekdays (there are no plans to offer services on Saturdays, unless there is a need for them). It will offer a full deli-counter, full cafeteria services with a minimum two-week cycle, a weekly international day, full china service, and a Rathskellar supplying beer and entertainment.

The new food services center will be staffed mainly with part-time students.

Round Robin Starts June 1

F.I.U. will hold its annual Softball Intramural Round Robin Tournament on June 1st Saturday, and June 2nd Sunday, at 10:00 and 2:00. Tamiami Field, located just south of the F.I.U. campus, will host the playing ground area.

Games consist of 7 innings and a maximum of ten players, with not less than eight playing members. Coed players are most welcome. All rules and regulations are contained in the entry forms which may be obtained in the Student Services Office of P.C. room 220, or in the Modular Bldg. room 203.

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These available positions will last until June 30, 1974, and may be worked full-time during the last three weeks of June. If you think you are eligible for one of these awards or an increase in your present award on the basis of financial need, please contact Ralph Hoggess in PC 220.

Employment notices listed

This year's campus recruiting season at FIU has ended, but it is not the conclusion of full-time professional position opportunities for the year.

Many openings will continue to be reported by mail and phone to the Career Planning and Placement Department in PC 220. Openings just recently reported include such areas as land improvement and trust monitors (biologists), junior accountants (state and city government), sales (various employers), purchasing (foundation), systems analysis (business machines organization), technology (equipment and communications organizations), management (retailing), chemistry (environmental research center), and teaching (various fields and school districts.).

FIU students not previously registered with the Career Planning and Placement Department are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Students who have registered should

advise the office of their current employment or availability.

Career Planning and Placement continues to work with candidates who are alumni of the university. It is important to the university to know where students have accepted full-time professional employment; thus individuals who have not yet reported employment to Career Planning and Placement should do so right away.

Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Foreign student employment

The Foreign Student Advisor's Office has been advised by the Immigration and Naturalization Service that school officials will not be authorized to permit non-immigrant F-1 students to accept employment during the coming summer vacation period.

However, any F-1 student in need of employment for economic reasons due to unforeseen circumstances which arose after entry into the United States may apply for work permission. Applications may be obtained from Carmen Alvarez, Admissions Office, PC 210.

Upon graduation, F-1 students may also apply to the Immigration Service for permission to engage in practical training in a field related to their course of study. Applications should be made on Form I-538 and may also be obtained from the Admissions Office.

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Hoffa speaks about Labor

CLAUDE PINSONNEAULT
Staff Writer

Jimmy Hoffa, nationally known labor leader, spoke Tuesday to the student body of FIU in PC 530.

Hoffa spoke of the history of organized labor and collective bargaining in the U. S., and of the difficulties of labor getting organized and the trouble with the factory owners.

Hoffa, born and raised in Michigan has spent most of his adult life in the labor movement. Hoffa discussed the trials and tribulations of the labor movement in this country. He spoke of the violence that labor encountered in trying to organize the workers.

Hoffa mentioned the years in which labor experienced the most difficulties in trying to organize the workers in this country and the labor laws that

were enacted in the thirties to protect labor and allowed them to organize. Hoffa went on to speak of the means by which labor struggled to get recognized by the factory owners and some of the ways that were used according to Hoffa, were sit down strikes inside the factories and blockades of the highways.

Hoffa went on to speak of the early years of the Teamsters Union and how they were able to get organized and how they

were able to get concessions from the owners of trucking companies and get legislation passed that was favorable to them.

Mr. Hoffa said that the workers in the past made it possible for today's workers to bargain collectively with their bosses and not be afraid of being thrown in jail for organizing.

Hoffa went on to say that the various unions in this country have nationally recognized unions and have national contracts.

After Hoffa's speech he answered some questions on the union and violence and other topics that are in the headlines of the newspapers across the country.

Recycling centers open on campus

Three recycling centers have been placed on campus for discarded, clean newspapers.

Papers may be left at the South Entrance off S. W. 107 Ave.; on Tower Road near the entrance from S. W. 8 St.; and in front of building W-3 near the entrance of S. W. 117 Ave.

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Capitman's book shows lost American dreams

MIMI GRANT
Staff Writer

Big business and the public are on a collision course, thinks Dr. William Capitman, Professor of Business Polity at Florida International University.

In his new book, "Panic in the Boardroom," Dr. Capitman claims that American business and American society are due for tremendous upheaval because of widespread public disenchantment over the unfulfilled promises of the American Dream.

He believes that dissatisfaction about the environment, false advertising, artificial ingredients, shoddy products and services, flowing public relations reports uncorroborated by corporate action, and a general feeling of being exploited by the increasingly rich "powers that be" is causing a new militancy in the American public, and corporations are the target of that militancy.

Dr. Capitman says that businessmen are offering window-dressing answers to consumer complaints, mistakenly hoping that the whole movement will blow over. He believes they will continue to do so until they stop trying to maximize profits and start trying to maximize social responsibility.

He offers some provocative suggestions on how to insure corporate social responsibility and a more equitable society. Among them:

— 3-year "profit moratorium," whereby corporations would give all their after-tax profits to a war chest for cleaning up the environment.

— Public ownership of "all public utilities, all public transportation, all defense industries, all telephone in-

dustries, all health facilities, all construction of public buildings and housing.

— A "death penalty" for corporations which are multiple offenders against the public good.

— A "Social Disability Score" which would assign points to those people having disadvantages beyond their control (e. g., being young, black, female, poor, growing up in a ghetto). Those people assigned points would "spend" them in order to finance a college education or to get a loan, apartment, or job more easily, thus equalizing the opportunities open to members of our society.

Dr. Capitman received his B.A. degree from the University of Cincinnati, M.A. from Columbia University, and J.D. from the New York University School of Law. Before joining the faculty at Florida International, he was president of the Center for Research in Marketing in New York City, and has been on the graduate faculties of Yale and the University of Pittsburgh.

A review in the February "Dun's" said that while Dr.

Capitman does not have all the answers, he is especially good at articulating the problem. "The book is thoughtful, disturbing and a little frightening," "Dun's" agrees with Dr. Capitman that today, as never before, the Establishment is in a crisis.

"Business is being shaken to its laissez-faire foundations by furious forces of change, and management has the dread fear that things will never be the same. Suddenly, the corporation is the enemy."

An increasingly angry public

is demanding that corporations be responsible for the products they make and the air they pollute. And executives, says Dr. Capitman, must be responsible for the activities of the corporation.

"Corporate immorality is always the result of personal immorality." What is at stake, he warns, is nothing less than the survival of private enterprise.

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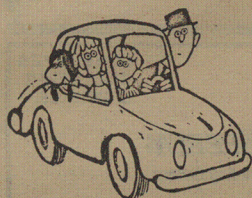
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ORIGINALLY commissioned for performance by the Program Staff of the Reitz Union of the University of Florida, "Godot" played to overflow audiences and, once the word got around, Bacchus Productions took up the many offers to play outside Gainesville. "Godot" will now tour the state, going on to locations about the Southeast, with plans to take the show from there to an off-Broadway theater in New York.

"Godot" is something of a mystery, but a mystery of cosmic dimensions. Two characters, the Laurel and Hardy team of Vladimir and Estragon, are waiting for a stranger to appear, a man named Godot.

They wait along with the audience, and in the Bacchus Production one reviewer noted that "the audience is literally part of the act since the characters' waiting, their search for meaning in life or, barring that, entertainment is also ours."

Who is Godot? To this question Beckett himself has said that if he knew his identity he wouldn't have bothered writing the play. In their waiting Vladimir and Estragon are joined by the comic team of Pozzo and Lucky, a master-slave combination with overtones of Hitler and his victims.

THE SEARCH for meaning — does Godot mean "God", or "to go", or "go to" or what? — is expressed by every known device of the theater: slapstick, gross jokes, vaudeville routines, the insane dialogue of absurdist theater, set speeches out of the opera, passages of great lyrical tenderness, moments of melodrama piled on moments of comedy and tragedy.

The most forward-looking play of our time, with the two "waiters" being Everymen rather than the aristocratic heroes of



Estragon and Vladimir attempt to stop Lucky's thinking process

Greek or Shakespearean theater, the play is also in the oldest tradition of the stage in its reliance on that minstrel tradition predating legitimate theater with words.

Tickets are \$2 for students, \$3 for the public and will be available at the door.

'Coming Apart' brings back 60's in a nostalgic, historical view

Wbs
Entertainment Editor

With all the current interest in "nostalgia" for the 20's, 30's and even the dead-end 50's, it is fascinating that there is apparently no nostalgia whatever for the recent period we all know best, the 60's. Thus, from a somewhat negative viewpoint, the new book "Coming Apart: an Informal History of the Sixties" by William L. O'Neill is absorbing for its being so very atypical.

More than that, it is a brilliant dissection of the events of the times, the forces and the people behind them and the few triumphs and many tragedies that gripped the United States and the world in recent history's most perilous ten years.

Examine the great figures of the decade: John F. Kennedy, Dwight "Ike" Eisenhower, Richard Nixon, Lyndon B. Johnson, Martin Luther King, Eugene McCarthy, Nelson Rockefeller, Barry Goldwater and Robert F. Kennedy. Which of them escaped the 60's unscathed by tragedy? Perhaps only good-old-dull Ike, who dominated the 50's by his very sloth, and contributed only 13 rather wretched months of

"leadership" and his surprisingly accurate Farewell Address to the 60's.

In terms of events, the time was rife with war, assassination, and riots. Indeed, in Norman Mailer's phrase, "the spectre of violence hung over the land..." and the entire world.

And, if any one person might simultaneously be seen as the dominant and yet, most tragic, figure of the 60's, it must be Lyndon Johnson. For LBJ was at once a giant among men and the weakest of doubt-ridden and insecure world leaders. The greatest domestic President since FDR, he failed miserably to grasp the moral and political disaster of the cancerous Vietnamese War. Thus, he fell, a victim of his own inadequacies and, to his own delusions.

Yet, there were fine moments too: the Peace Movement and hippies from which much of it sprung, the emergence of music, especially rock, as a vital aspect of life as shown by the dominance of the Beatles, Bob Dylan, the Rolling Stones and others of their ilk. They became not only musical but eventually social and political exemplaries as well.

Other good came with the

liberation of people from racial and sexual hangups and greater concentration on freedom in interests and fashion. And, for a while, there even seemed to be coming a liberation from traditional politics: the youth/peace movements; McCarthy's and, later, Bob Kennedy's challenges to LBJ, and before all that, JFK's seeming wrenching away of the political leadership of the U.S. from the ghosts of the past: the old generals, career politicians and power-besotted bureaucrats.

Granted that many, if not most, of the illusions of the 60's — especially in relation to liberation and politics — were just that: mere facades which disappeared when they were no longer fashionable or when those who espoused them were defeated or killed (witness JFK, King, McCarthy and Bobby). Still, traces remain.

While it is ironic that the decade which began with the defeat and humiliation of Richard Nixon, ended with him as its surviving central figure, the positive influences on youth, personal freedom, lessening of racial tension, increased awareness of social in-

justice and poverty, remain to impress the 70's.

And "Coming Apart" documents, represents, but never flatters all that was the 60's and makes for a valuable reference for the 70's. For the historian, the societal student or the general reader, the book is a fascinating piece of reading. To them I recommend it heartily.

For the nostalgia buff or those hoping to find an in-depth study of any given event or person of the era, the book is less ideal. And, too, the book is not unbiased: the viewpoint is almost entirely from the left, so much so that it tends at times to become rather heavy-handed. Even a relative hero of the liberals like Bobby Kennedy is flayed for the very pragmatism — which O'Neill sees as a sort of old-style political maneuvering — that made him to many more attractive and viable a challenger to Johnson than the lofty McCarthy.

Still, it is worth one's attention those who developed language. view of the decade of for general interest browsing.

"Coming Apart" is available from Quadrangle Publishers at \$3.95 for the paper-bound edition.

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Language restricts reality perception

MARY-JEANETTE TAYLOR
Associate Editor

I have a friend. She has some very definite, though speculative ideas about our perception of the world. As Lisa sees it, we have based all our beliefs about and responses to the world upon the assumptions of the early mathematicians, philosophers, and before that, those who developed language.

Sometime ago NASA sent a capsule into outer space with a plate affixed to its side. On that plate were engravings of the earth in its solar system, figures of a man and woman and symbols of the binary system. It was assumed by NASA scientists that any "intelligent" beings that found the plate would recognize and understand the binary symbols.

"I find this assumption quite absurd," Lisa says, "almost laughable. It is based on the assumption that any life form would develop its perception of reality along the same lines we have." Lisa went on to point out that it was Pythagoras "or some such character" that outlined the binary system and other mathematical laws

upon which we still base most of our mathematical 'truths.' It would stand to reason that this is only one way of viewing reality.

"It is actually language that gives us our concept of 'oneness' and 'separateness' as opposed to perceiving our environment as a unified whole," she says.

"YOU SEE," she says, "all that makes up our world, including ourselves, is ultimately one thing — energy. Granted these energies are differentiated in form, but they can all be analyzed in terms of atomic energy." By that token we are no different than rocks, trees or any of the other mass we perceive. We have the same common make-up and are, therefore ultimately unified with our environment.

"There are times when I have lay upon the beach at night and felt totally in tune with my surroundings," she says, "I am not hearing 'the' ocean, feeling 'the' sand and 'the' wind; I experience them in a unified fashion. I am as much a part of my environment as it is of me."

"In the same way that language restricts our relationships to the concrete world, it restricts the way

we relate to other humans," she realizes. "The concept of 'I' and 'you' leads to a separation of body and spirit. Ultimately, it leads to severe limitations upon communication."

Lisa points out that we have confined our mode of communication to the vehicle of language and in this way furthered the disunity of man and nature.

"WE LIMIT ourselves drastically," Lisa feels "by neglecting the development of other forms of communication. It's very difficult to demonstrate conclusively, but mental telepathy is an actual phenomenon. If only for a few it is viable form of communication." Lisa goes on to point out that we can and have proven that there are electrical impulses emitted by the brain, and she believes that these 'brain waves' are the vehicle of ideas that we ought to be developing.

"It will be a long time, eons, before we will rely heavily upon any mode other than language," she understands, "but we need to be aware of the limitations and restrictions language places on each and every perception of what we blithely label 'reality.'"

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Pindling's speech dull to students

MARK MORGAN
Staff Writer

International week came to a close last week, with the Prime Minister of the Bahamas speaking to the student body outside of the P.C. building.

THE PRIME Minister in his opening remarks, spoke of Miami as a suburb of the Bahamas, however the rest of his speech was quite dull. But he gave a virtuoso performance upstairs in the P.C. building in fielding questions from the public and the press.

All this does not alter the fact, that several of things he mentioned were either fallacious or downright false.

In one particular instance, Pindling expansively affirmed a people's right to self determination with one exception. Pindling maintained the "executive privilege" (though he did not call it that) of deciding who the people are — the Bahamian people that is. When the question was raised about Abaconian independence, the Prime Minister put his "exception" to work, when he defined Abaco as an inseparable part of the people of the Bahamas.

IT WOULD appear then that in this sense of the word, people is used as though it referred to a single entity and not a group of separate entities. Pindling took advantage of this semantic quirk by comparing the people of Abaco to the head or arm of a man, which of course, cannot be separated without killing him. Thus, it would appear by this semantic quirk, that even if the people of Abaco chose independence,

they would be outvoted by the Pro-Pindling majority on the other islands. In every case of this sort the majority, the party or the monarchy decided who "the people" included. With this in mind, it would appear that Pindling is devoted to perpetuating this "fine tradition."

Pindling asserts that certain Abaconians want to become a colony of Great Britain. Thus it

would appear that Pindling is ignorant of the fact that England is no longer in the colonies business anymore.

PINDLING either does not realize or chooses to misstate that the Abaconian Independence Movement wants commonwealth, not colonial status. As a commonwealth they would have the ability to sever even that nominal status by their own choice. This is more than can be

said for their situation under Pindling.

So unfortunately, to the extent that Pindling is an able politician, he will represent himself as a supporter rather than a frustrator of people's independence and self determination. And to that extent he maintains this flattering pose, he will be the self that does the determining, the people it then would appear will not.

Prime minister deserves more than Kool-Aid

GAYLENE PERRAULT
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"I am very glad to be here, in the suburbs of the Bahamas," said a smiling Lyndon Oscar Pindling, the Prime Minister of the Bahamas, as he spoke to the student body on May 16. The Prime Minister was here speaking for the International Students Union on the roster of events at International Week.

On the dais with Pindling was Vice President of Community Affairs, Glenn Goerke, who was a stand-in for President Perry, and Mr. Sonny Wright, realtor, who was another stand-in — for Miami Mayor Steve Ferre.

IN FACT, there were so many stand ins standing in, that the only other room available was for other Bahamians, namely Obie Ferguson, SGA Chairman, and Clinton Clark, President of the

Bahamian Student Association. The one chair left was for Mrs. Pindling, who represented herself.

"I'll have to speak on some subject most of you know little about in order to make sure I qualify for a "C grade", joked the Prime Minister as he launched into an academic discussion on the Law of the Sea and the necessity for establishing an International agreement concerning rigid water boundaries.

THE PRIME Minister touched heavily on his concern for the exploitation of Bahamian natural resources such as its fisheries, and the need to "preserve its rich marine biology."

After his speech, the Prime Minister was presented with a rather shabby Kool-Aid luncheon, complete with celery sticks and crackers on the President's Terrace. Ironically, an invitation was needed to attend an affair that was lacking in pomp and ceremonial niceties for a man of such international stature.

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Cancelling film takes away rights from other students on campus

In view of the actions that you took upon yourself yesterday as school president, concerning the "Lucia" showing affair, I as a conscientious student, fully knowing what my individual rights are, under the protection

of the Constitution of the United States, must protest the very actions which you took.

TO BEGIN with it is my personal guaranteed right to express myself, to have the freedom of choice and speech

in perturbation to any school sponsored affair, the action you took to cancel the "Lucia" showing were direct violations of the very rights I speak of.

I strongly feel that, it is the inherent right of any student of

this university body to see if he so desires any film which the university has sponsored. There can be no mistake on anyone's part that these rights of which I speak of were denied by the Administration of the students.

There are many of us, at FIU, who are of Spanish decent, to be more exact of Cuban decent. At the time that my parent decided to leave Communist Cuba, they had done so, because in their particular circumstances, they felt, that the government of Castro had denied them all of their constitutional rights and freedoms.

We chose to become exiles, and in so doing, we sought refuge at the motherland of democracy, that being of course the United States of America. The incident which occurred at the University yesterday, displayed the feelings of some individuals, whom in my point of view have in their minds confused the word democracy, and a democratic government as to what it means.

THESE students yesterday, sought to get the sympathy from other fellow Cuban students to have the showing of the movie Lucia stopped, for in their opinion this was a pro-Castro film. Personally I can not speak against or for the film, for I have not yet seen it, and in my judgment I can not do so, until I see it.

I am not condemning actions by university students, to exercise their rights to protest the seeing of the film, but I will condemn their actions when it impedes the rights of others to show and view the film.

I strongly feel, that by your actions yesterday you and the other students personally contributed to the cause of communism then against it, for you

violated the rights of others to express themselves, have their freedom of choice, and freedom of speech.

It is my understanding that the constitutional rights of individuals are denied to them, only under various totalitarian forms of government. You might ask, why am I writing you this letter, when you have already consented to show the film on Wednesday May 22, at three various times.

I HAVE taken the time to write this letter because in my opinion I do not wish to see in the future my rights and the rights of others whom might feel as I do, being denied. The issue of this whole affair is one that directly effects not only the rights of Cuban students, but the rights of all individuals who attend this University.

I have taken this course of action to ensure that future happenings do not re-occur, and should not become a constant threat to the individual rights of the students of this University.

THE CUBAN students opposed of the film of Lucia, have an inherent and guaranteed right to express their opinions as to the film, but they do not have the right to impede others from viewing or showing this film, regardless of their moral convictions. And if this Administration grants them these rights, they would deny other individuals of their right for freedom of choice, speech and expression.

I hope that we have benefited from Mondays experience for I hope that the student body and administration realizes that under a democratic government the rights of individuals can not be denied, or else we cease to practice what we preach.

Fernando E. Heria

response

Non-smokers taken to task

Being sick to death with the ludicrous whinings of a militant and highly vocal minority — the super-zealous non-smokers — I was dismayed to see that the FIU Faculty has taken a vote via memo "secret ballot" to determine whether smoking should be banned in FIU classrooms.

Surely this is a matter to be

decided by the students of FIU in their Senate or by referendum, not something to be decided by the faculty and/or Academic Dean. I am not a student here — rather I am a member of the Career Service staff, but I firmly believe that such matters should be decided by the students.

Beyond this, however, I think it is utterly ridiculous for the screaming few to dictate their opinion to the majority — many of whom admittedly don't smoke, but who also don't give a damn being here to take classes rather than to "kvetch" about every little inequity.

B. W.—

Open Letter to the Student Body

I have made it a point to attend SGA meetings to see what our Senators are doing to wipe out the apathy in this school.

Please, if you care how your part of tuition money is used by the Student Government make it a point to attend some meetings.

For the first half hour of the meeting much small bickering was going on, but nothing of worth was accomplished.

Are you aware that:

1. that the discussion (temporarily tabled — but for how long?) to vote compensation for attending meetings. And the possibility of tuition as compensation to the presiding board.

2. that some Senators were appointed not elected by the student body and in one particular case one Senator won his election by a total of four votes.

Come on students — if you have your gripes — Stand up! We have no one to blame but ourselves. If you don't care about what's going on no one else will. We have the power to change, to make this university something special.

Give a damn — Let's get it together. Can you answer these questions:

1. Who is the chairperson of SGA?
2. Who are your representatives from your school?

**Meg Kurtzman
Saul Sachao**

Malnutrition still largest problem

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Staff Writer

As I was getting out of my car at a shopping center a few days ago, there were some grade-school children distributing questionnaires for a school project. I was approached by one of the young girls and was asked to fill out the simple questionnaire.

IN REVIEWING the questionnaire the first question was indeed prominent, it asked, "What do you think the world's

biggest problem is?" Prompted by my academic orientation I quickly responded: "Starvation and Malnutrition." The interviewer, a newcomer in opinion sampling, was perplexed by the response. I am sure she expected to hear something related to pollution or other environmental fault judging from her subsequent questions.

When one, however, reflects upon this point, one cannot negate the fact that starvation and malnutrition are the

greatest pollutants of human ecology. Malnutrition and starvation are critical world health problems that demand an immediate solution with the prerequisites of a multidisciplinary approach.

One may ask why it is such a problem if most of us in secluded university circles never come into contact with it. The problem is the lack of brain growth brought about by malnutrition and starvation during the first few months of life.

IN MAN, severe malnutrition during the first year of life reduces the total number of cells in the whole brain. What then, is the significance of such findings? First of all, the weight loss of the brain will never be regained; secondly, general malnutrition during early life disrupts normal chemical development in the brain which is essential for learning processes. Many reputable studies seem to indicate that early and severe malnutrition is a factor in intellectual development in later life.

It is estimated that two-thirds of the world is seriously malnourished and starving. Based on the assumptions stated in this article one can now arrive at an enlightened awareness of a true human pollution problem — malnutrition. Furthermore, malnutrition and starvation are the chief enemies of mankind due to their detrimental effect on man's mental and intellectual growth and development. What is to be the future of

mankind with rampant starvation?

This article is meant for thoughtful, intellectual readers of a university community because you are the key for implementing the solution. The solution lies in a multidisciplinary approach bringing forth knowledge of medicine, biology, psychology, economics, education, nutrition and dietetics along with many other disciplines.

THE PROBLEMS are development of agricultural economy, development of community health service system, development of behavior modification with respect to food use and hygiene and finally a stirring of our consciences.

As a multidisciplinary, international university we must be aware of the detriment of the pollutant of malnutrition. Assuming an awareness, the next step in solving the problem is integrating within our individual disciplines a plan for an immediate solution and subsequent implementation.

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