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Florida International University

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International students get new handbook

DONNA ROBINS

Assistant Editor

Foreign students may pick up a copy of their new handbook at UH 340 and say hello to Maria Lavernia and Jim Aggett of Foreign Student Services. The handbook covers all information which international students at FIU should know.

Maria Lavernia was born in Cuba and came to the United States when she was 14. Jim Aggett spent two years living in Ecuador while in the Peace Corps. Both of these Foreign Student Advisors know what it is like to adjust to a new way of life and are in UH 340 to help with any problems you may have.

One FIU student was to be deported on October 31. Unaware of the fact that he could obtain advice and assistance at Foreign Student Services, he confided in one of his teachers about his predicament. The teacher called Maria Lavernia for help. The outcome is that the student may not be deported after all.

This is just one incident that was handled by their office. Ms. Lavernia feels that a problem to be overcome by

her office is to make it known that "we are not the INS. We are here to help foreign students on a personal basis," she states.

An Immigration Officer comes up to their office on the first Wednesday of each month and newly filled out immigration forms are turned over to him. This method expedites the procession of immigration papers by 5 weeks to 1 year.

All immigration forms needed by students and advice on how to fill them out are available in their office.

"There are various projects and opportunities which come up for foreign students and we cannot get in touch with them unless they come in and let us know who they are," Ms. Lavernia says. Some of these projects are employment opportunities for graduates within their own country, a directory listing names and addresses of foreign students at FIU and community welcome groups.

Because of computer problems, no correct number of foreign students at FIU can be determined. "It can be anywhere between 200 and 600," Ms. Lavernia says.

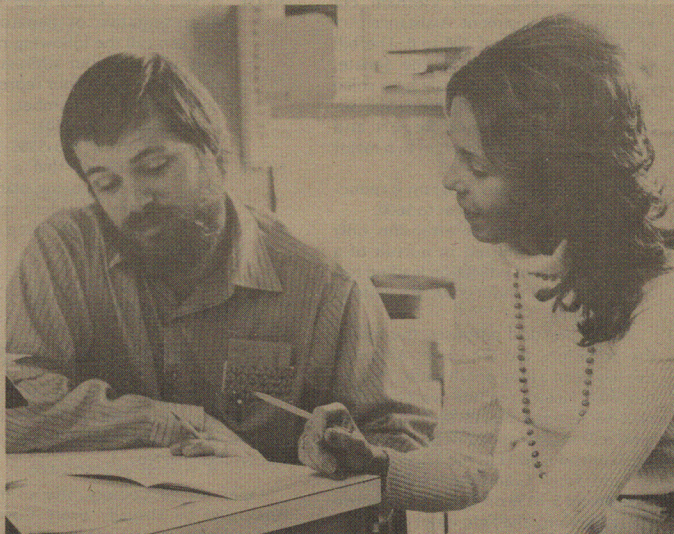


PHOTO BY BRUCE WALLACE

Maria Lavernia and Jim Aggett confer over foreign student affairs.

Bottle Bill bringing pot to food stores

MARK S. MORGAN

Editor-at-Large

The "Bottle Bill," in Dade County called the Anti-Throwaway Ordinance, will appear on the Nov. 5 referendum to be decided on by Dade County voters.

It was proposed by Metro Commissioner Harvey Ruvin and is very similar to laws passed in Oregon and Vermont. It prohibits the sale of "throwaway" or "disposable" beverage containers. It prohibits the sale of "pop top" cans. And it requires any beverage container sold in Dade County to have a mandatory refund value (or deposit) of at least five cents.

Will the "Bottle Bill" magically eliminate litter from Dade county beaches and roadsides? Will it save lives and limbs from the insidious "pop top" menace? Or will it merely be more trouble than it's worth?

MOST OF THE PRESS coverage of Metro Commissioner Harvey Ruvin's Anti-Throwaway Ordinance, popularly known as the "Bottle Bill," credits Ruvin and his bill with sorcerer's powers.

There are those, however, who believe Ruvin is mortal, albeit ardent and articulate. His bill, they contend is likely to cost consumers considerably more time and money while only denting the problems of litter and resource consumption.

Among the bill's keenest critics is Ralph Smathers, president of the Dade County Better Business Bureau.

Smathers is convinced that the "Bottle Bill" idea is not the smashing success its proponents say it is.

"The 'Bottle Bill,'" he said in a recent letter to the Herald (which they had not published as of Oct. 25), "if it is passed, will replace beverage container litter off the highways with beverage container litter in the home and grocery stores in Dade County."

IN SUPPORT OF this he cites reports from Vermont, where the bill passed a year ago, that "grocers have found dirt, grass, bugs, maggots, mice . . . urine, cigar and cigarette butts . . . and even marijuana (that's more like it!) inside returned beverage containers.

"It is no wonder," he concludes, "the grocers feel that litter has not been reduced — it has only been transferred from the highway to the stores."

The ill effects do not end there, however, according to Smathers. Oregon, the first State to pass a law of this kind, has been pointed to with pride as proof of the "Bottle Bill's" near perfection in solving ecological problems without creating economic ones. A report, put out by FIU professors John Parker and Tom Casey, predicts: "No decrease in the volume of sales of beer or soft drinks and no increase in their prices."

Smathers disagrees, "a recent report made by order of the Oregon Legislature confirms that industry has lost over \$7,000,000 in Oregon . . . Obviously, these costs will be borne by the consumer." Moreover, the Vermont bill has cost the people of that state \$6,000,000.

IN FACT, SMATHERS claims, "In Vermont the people are so unhappy with the 'Bottle Bill' that 45,000 persons, representing more than one out of every three households in the state, have signed petitions seeking a special session of the General Assembly for immediate repeal of the law."

In Oregon the deposits have risen also, says Smathers, from 5 and 10¢ to 10 and 20¢.

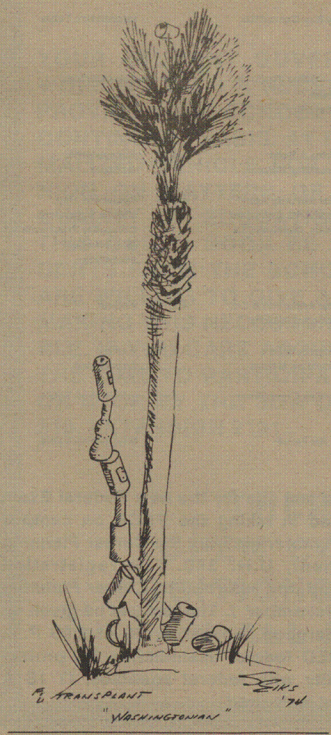
Perhaps it is because laws are so hard to repeal that another critic of Ruvin's ordinance, Lester Freeman, executive vice president of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, called it "another example of rash government action."

Unless voters scrutinize Ruvin's arguments closely we will find he is a sorcerer after all and the citizens of Dade will have yet another law whose effects and purpose nobody really understands.

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On Monday, Oct. 21, Jose Greco and his wife, Nana Lorca, entertained an FIU audience with a lecture-demonstration on Spanish dance.



A place for Vets

HAL S. KOGAN
Vets' Columnist

Q. What is the present status of H. R. bill 12628, "The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974?"

A. The following information came from the National Association of Concerned Veterans — Washington D.C.

The House of Representatives passed H. R. bill 12628, "The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974," by a vote of 388 to 0. The bill was hand carried over to the Senate, which passed it unanimously by a voice vote that same day. This bill is the second Joint Conference Report and differs from the first Report in two major points:

- (1) The direct loan program is reduced from \$1,000 a year to \$600.
- (2) The nine month extension only "may be utilized in pursuit of a program of education leading to a standard undergraduate college degree."

For all practical purposes, the rest of the provisions are the same. Although this has been a long uphill battle, and is a qualified victory (we are working right now to remove the restriction on the nine month extension; Reps. Wolff and Koch introduced H.R. bill 17255 on Oct. 10, and Sens. Cranston, Hartke, et al. introduced S. 4139 on Oct. 11, to remove the restriction), the fight is not over.

President Ford has indicated more than once that he may veto this bill. Here is where you can come in — again! Write, telegram, mailgram or phone the White House and strongly urge the President to sign the bill into law immediately upon reaching his desk. (Address: President Gerald R. Ford, the White House, Washington D. C. 20500; Phone: 202 456-1414).

In addition, and just as important, please contact your own local Representatives and Senators (especially members of the President's own Republican Party), thanking them for the passed legislation and urging them to approve and pass H.R. 17255 or S. 4139. Also urge them to contact the President in support of the bill coming before him. Many Congressmen are home campaigning for re-election, so they are now particularly susceptible to your requests. Any constituent can reach their Congressman in Washington by phoning (202) 225-3121 and asking for the specific Senator or Representative. The following addresses can also be used for mailgrams (\$2 for 100 words, called into Western Union — 1-800-325-5500, and added to your monthly phone bill);

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I know you've been asked to do a lot of writing and phoning, but, hopefully, this is the last time in regards to an educational bill for a while. We must persuade President Ford to sign this bill — or the fight starts all over again. Thank you for all the responsive support; the best way to convince you that your letters are working is that the bill is finally going on the President's desk. Don't give up now! Thank you and stay with it.

NOTE: If you don't know who your Representative or Senator is, you can call the following numbers and give your address and you will be given your representative's name and number.
Dade County: 377-7501
Broward County: 765-5566

NOTE: There is a rumor that a mass demonstration is being planned in D.C. if the President vetoes the bill. You might keep that "rumor" in mind.

Bike races in the Grove

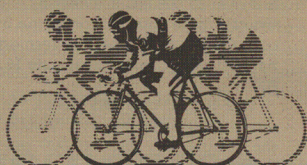
Miami Mayor Maurice A. Ferre welcomes some 350 bicycle racers from as far as Chile to the third annual Tour of Coconut Grove Nov. 3.

Open to all comers, the event is sponsored by virtually every Coconut Grove business and offers the richest amateur "purse" in the world.

Competition is divided into 14 classes within two divisions: Amateur Bicycle League of America-rated riders, and open, or novice.

All classes will race around a three-quarter-mile course. Distances will range from one to 75 laps.

Entry fees are \$5 for ABLA classes, and 50-cents for the open division. The first



250 open entrants will receive a blight-resistant Malaysian Palm sprout, valued at \$2.50, ready for planting. Winners will receive savings bonds, gift certificates, and various merchandise or bicycle accessories and paraphernalia.

Those wishing to enter should contact the Dade Cycle Shop as soon as possible, at 3043 Grand Ave., 443-6075. Entries also will be accepted from 9 a.m. to noon on race day, at the registration desk to be located at the starting line.

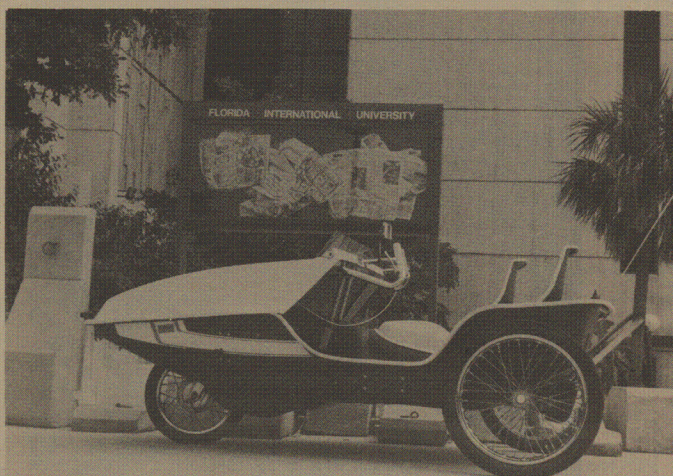


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This pedal-car will carry 'meter maids' for FIU Campus Safety.

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DATE OF VISIT	SCHEDULE NO.	PERIOD	ORGANIZATION NAME MAJOR REQUIRED	DEGREE LEVEL	POSITION TITLE
MONDAY November 4	6	10AM — 6PM	Lincoln National Sales Corporation All Majors (Business Preferred)	B & M	Salespersons Management Trainee
	14	AS	Kraft Foods All Majors	B	Marketing Rep.
		12:30 — 7 PM	Mary Kay Cosmetics		Information Table
TUESDAY November 5	41	DS	IBM—Office Products Division All Majors	B	Sales Persons
WEDNESDAY November 6	26	DS & AS	Haskins & Sells Accounting Majors	B & M	Accountants Auditors
	18	DS	Social Security Adm. Liberal Arts, Computer Science, Mathematics	B & M	Social Ins. Rep. Claims Authorizer Computer Programmer Mathematical Statistician
THURSDAY November 7	45	DS	Arthur Andersen & Co. Accounting Majors	B & M	Auditor
	1	DS & AS	Haskins & Sells Accounting Majors	B & M	Auditor Accountant
		12:30 — 7PM	Mary Kay Cosmetics		Information Table
November 7 & 8		9AM — 5PM	U.S. Air Force		Information Table

NOTE: FIU has been selected as a test site for the new Federal Exam (PACE). Students interested in taking the PACE on campus need to pick up registration materials from the Career Planning and Placement Department, U.H. 340. The registration materials must be completed and returned to Career Planning and Placement by Friday, November 1. The test will be given on campus on Wednesday afternoon, November 20 at 2:00 P.M. The PACE is the REQUIRED federal examination for professional employment eligibility with federal agencies. IT IS A MUST if federal employment is desired.

Fish are coming to PC lobby

JANET MILLER
Staff Writer

FIU Biology Club members are busy preparing a new attraction for the Lobby of PC. When completed, students will be able to view a rare spectrum of marine life displayed in two 75-gallon salt water aquariums. The aquariums will be a gift to the school with club members supplying the installation, specimens, and continuous maintenance of the tanks.


The club's first specimen collecting trip was Oct. 17 at Harry Harris State Park in the Keys. A group of 40 students, faculty, and family left FIU at 8:30 a.m. enjoying a pleasant hour-ride on a chartered Greyhound bus. Activities at the park included marine life specimen collection off-shore, snorkeling instruction and sea life identification near the beach areas, volleyball and football games, and a delicious bar-b-que of chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs for the tired and sunburned crew, until departure at 7 p.m. Saturday.


The field trip gave Biology students a chance to participate in the aquarium project and also proved to students and families that Biological Sciences, as a

major, is not entirely confined to studies in the classroom. A typical sight was the face-masked head of a student bobbing out of the water to ask "What is this animal, anyway?" while gesturing excitedly toward some unknown creature underwater. Students and guests shared the opportunity to view the undersea world, as a whole, in all of its majestic glamor. Not one person complained about having to share the ride home with those creatures selected to reside in the new aquariums!

Being relatively new on the FIU campus, Biology Club members are planning other activities and services for fellow students, such as a free tutoring service, information on professional schools and the procedures for entering them, and enticing several interesting speakers to visit the campus. In store for this quarter are a lecture and demonstration of Acupuncture and a lecture and demonstration on the isolation of snake venom to be given by a familiar Miami authority in the field. Other collection/field trips are in the making, also, and interested Biological Sciences majors are invited to attend regular meetings, each Monday at 12:45 in PC 316.

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Data Center Workshop	12:30pm	PC 432
Campus Ministry*	12:30pm	PC 235
School Psychology Policy Advisory Council	3:00pm	UH 315
Soccer vs. Jacksonville Univ.	3:00pm	Athletic Field
Friday — Nov. 1		
Jazz Combo	12:30pm	DM 160
Halloween Costume Party — Fla. International Host Club	8:00pm	Off campus
Sunday — Nov. 3		
Karate Tournament	9:00am	DM 160
Monday — Nov. 4		
Womens Concerns Council mtg.	12:00pm	UH 213W
Veterans Affairs Division of Student Services mtg.	12:00pm	UH 213W
Biology Club mtg.	12:30pm	UH 315
Fla. Veterans Assn. mtg.	12:30pm	UH 316
Computer Adv. Committee mtg.	12:30	DM 115
Tuesday — Nov. 5		
Seminar on Religion	12:30pm	DM 113
Jazz Combo	12:30pm	DM 160
Skating Club	12:30pm	UH 213E
Wednesday — Nov. 6		
FIU Karate Club mtg.	3:15pm	Tursair Bldg.
Technology Students Society mtg.	7:45pm	UH 213 W
Students International Meditation Society mtg. (SIMS)	8:30pm	UH 150
Thursday — Nov. 7		
Data Center Workshop	12:30pm	PC432
Professional Commerce Assn. mtg.	12:30pm	UH 316
FIU United Nations University Committee mtg.	12:30pm	UH 315
SIMS mtg.	8:30pm	UH 150
Friday — Nov. 8		
Advisory Council Childhood Ed.	9:00am	UH 150
Jazz Combo	12:30pm	DM 160
SGA film — "Slaughterhouse Five"	12:30pm & 7:00pm	UH 140
FIU Karate Club	3:15pm	Tursair Bldg.
Tuesday — Nov. 12		
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Serpent's coming

PETER SALLMAIER
Entertainment Writer

The tree of knowledge slowly begins to move and speak as His second human creation upon the surface of the earth approaches. This is the scene in the Garden of Eden as Eve is tempted to eat the apple — the forbidden fruit — and bring out the wrath of the Lord against the planet. All this and much more will be seen in "The Serpent," a ceremony written by Jean Claude Van Italie, the first of a scheduled nine productions by F.I.U.'s Theater department. At a rehearsal last week, the cast of 18 was meticulously directed by Phil Giberson, the Fine Arts' department Director of Theater.

The show begins with the cast both on and off the stage getting warmed up. This is comparable to the beginning of "Hair." Based on the Book of Genesis, much of the play's content concerns Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and other biblical figures of the period. "The Serpent" is not a play in the strict sense of the word as most of us know it. It is non-naturalistic and mostly non-sequential. Yes, there are definite speaking parts in the script but that's about the only structure to the show. When we see it, there will be little or no scenery on stage and costumes (per se) will be few. As this was one of the early rehearsals, I had the opportunity of observing several scenes

on their first run through. One such example was that of Cain killing his brother Abel. With the cast portraying blind people moving and groping around the stage, I was reminded of the movie "Night of the Living Dead" in which hordes of dead people arise from the grave and attack several communities. The scene in "The Serpent" though features a chorus of four or five people in the background and if you close your eyes and let your mind relax, you'll feel as if in attendance at a Pink Floyd concert. This was excellently performed.

The portrayal of Eve by Jyll Stein promises to be excellent; a great deal of emotional involvement is present and felt as one watches her. Like many in the cast, she is a Theater major working for her BFA.

This year, through a subsidy from SGA, all performances of "The Serpent" will be presented free of charge to FIU students. Beginning this past Monday, all one has to do is call the Theater department at 552-2895 and make a reservation for any one of the ten performances at 8:30 sharp. You may also reserve a seat in person at their office in DM 432 weekdays between the hours of 9 am - 5 pm. On the day of the performance only you may pick up your ticket, only one per student with an I.D. card, at the box office at the theater itself (DM 150) beginning at 7:30 pm. The show promises to be excellent.



Serpent cast will have no costumes.

PHOTO BY RICK KELLER

Listen: they're playing our favorite tuner

LARRY GAVLIN
Staff Writer

Program sources fall into one of three general categories, tuners, record playing systems, or tape playing devices. This last category is so varied and complex that it will be covered in a separate article. Tape playing devices are not part of a basic system but rather an accessory that usually constitutes a separate purchase anyhow.

Tuners may be of either the AM/FM or FM only variety. Since AM radio is definitely not high fidelity we will only concern ourselves with FM. Once again we will find ourselves confronted with a massive array of specs that appear to be stated in some strange foreign language.

There are seven specs we need to understand to be able to evaluate FM tuners. Three of these have already been explained in a previous article and all that will change is the minimum performance values we will consider acceptable. These are THD, which we will now expect to be no higher than .4% in stereo operation; frequency response, which should now be 20HZ to 15,000HZ — 3 dB; and S/N ratio, which must now be at least 60 dB.

The other four specs are only applicable to tuners. First we have sensitivity (IHF, sens, uV) which is a measure of how strong the incoming signal must be to produce 30dB of quieting. This is stated in micro-volts (1X10 volts). The maximum we will accept is 2.5uV (micro-volts) but be careful here, sensitivity

because of industry standards is less than a completely informative spec. 30 dB of quieting would produce an FM signal that would be practically unlistenable. 60dB of quieting would be a more reasonable place to measure sensitivity but since this would result in a much less impressive spec the audio industry is not inclined to change their policy. Since this is the case a fractional improvement in sensitivity does not necessarily indicate a superior product.

Next we have capture ratio, this measures the tuner's ability to pick out the stronger of two stations that are broadcasting on the same frequency. The lower this spec is the better, anything higher than a 2dB capture ratio is low-fi. Selectivity is the ability of the tuner to reject neighboring stations. The higher this spec is the better and if it is less than 50dB you are likely to find that if WODE is next to WNIS you will often receive WNOISE.

The last tuner spec we will consider is AM suppression, strangely enough this has nothing at all to do with AM broadcasting. AM in this case refers to the noise we might pick up from fluorescent lights, electric motors etc. This is the crackly sound you hear on cheap tuners. If AM suppression is less than 40dB, everytime you use the tuner you will think that someone is frying sausages inside your speaker.

Record playing devices are either record changers, which will play several records in a row or turntables that can

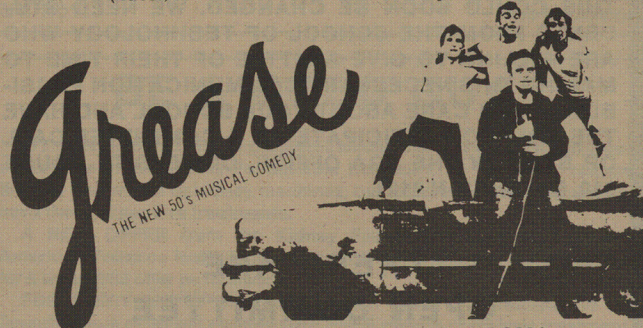
only play one record at a time. Although it is often desirable to buy a changer because of the many convenience features they offer, you should never ever stack your records. As big a drag as it is to get up and change the record it is an even bigger drag to go down to the record store and buy a new copy of the album at a cost of 5 or 6 dollars.

There are only two specs we will consider in judging a turntable: minimum tracking force and percentage of wow and flutter. Minimum tracking force is the smallest amount of pressure that the arm of the turntable must exert in order to play a record. Any turntable that won't track as low as 1.5 grams should be used for cutting vinyl not playing it. Point of information: a turntable tracking at 1 gram exerts a force at the stylus tip of 20,000 lbs. per square inch. Percent of wow and flutter describes the speed variations of the turntable as it plays the record. Any turntable that has more than .2% wow and flutter should be reported to Ralph Nader.

The other part of the record playing system is the cartridge. We will only want to buy a magnetic cartridge since ceramic cartridges are not high fidelity equipment. Unfortunately cartridge specs are not easily understood by someone who does not have a technical background and even if they were there are many other factors that must be considered when choosing a cartridge. For this reason I recommend that you allow the salesman to help you make this decision. Be sure that you give him all of the following information: minimum tracking force of your turntable, make and model of your amplifier or receiver, and most importantly what speakers you have. No matter what price range system you have I recommend that you spend a little extra to buy a top quality cartridge; there is no other place in the system where such a small increase in expenditure will result in such a dramatic improvement in sound quality.

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If you read **ODDS ON MURDER** by Marion Levien, the odds are you will be bored to death. Do not be fooled by the come-on comments found in the dust cover: whoever wrote them did not read the book. A comparison of these comments to what actually occurs might explain why the only level on which this book works is as a hoax.

"**THROUGH A MASTERFUL** combination of the elements of suspense, Marion Levien has created a world on intrigue and drama that grips the reader with its realism." The one quality this book definitely lacks is realism. The characters are, at best, boorish caricatures. They are all, without exception, incredibly one-dimensional. The style of the characters' dialogue is so similar for the most part, that instead of helping to differentiate the characters and add more depth to them, it is hard to tell which character is talking. Occa-

sionally, in the last half of the book, the dialogue does change to a series of bad clichés, supposedly indicating the way "detectives talk." It would take a book to point out the ways **ODDS** lacks realism. The only suspense is whether the reader will actually be able to finish the book.

"**ODDS ON MURDER**, unfolds a triple-murder plot which becomes increasingly complex and is seemingly insoluble." This statement is possibly the only true statement on the dust cover. In fact, the plot becomes so complex that the author had to rely on the old Greek form of "deus ex machina," in the person of FBI and international intrigue to bail herself out.

"**WHY SHOULD LARRY** Fraser, Helen Smith and a young college student be victims of a killer who seemed to have selected them specifically as targets of his vengeance? What did they have in common? Did knowledge of the murderer's identity drive the prosecution's

main witness to one of the bizarre murders, to suicide, or was his death also well-planned." By the end of this book the only answer appropriate to these questions is "who cares?"

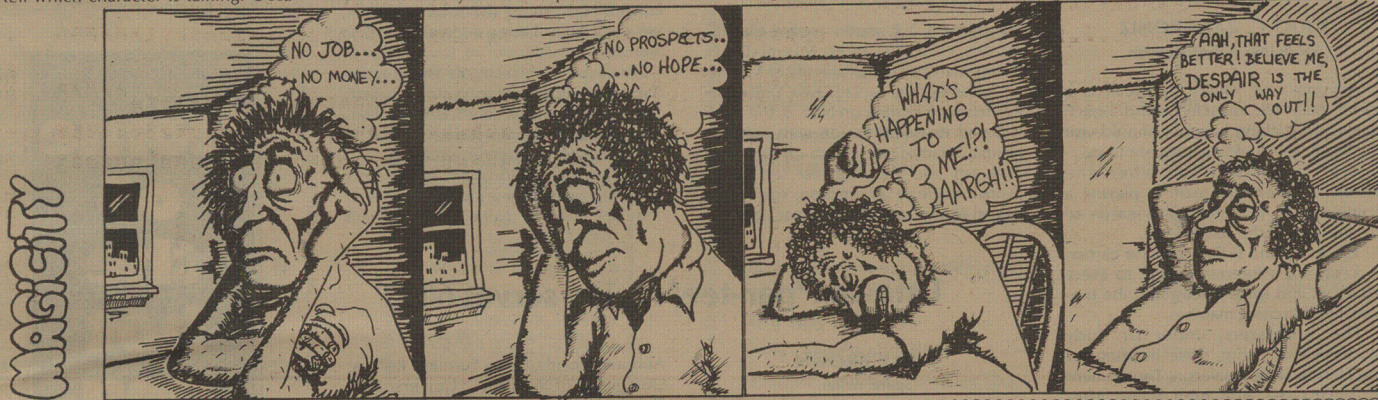
"These were the problems plaguing Charles Kennedy — a brilliantly persistent young detective. With the loyal assistance of his capable secretary, Dina Hurst, Kennedy is able to unravel the complications murder has brought to the lives of those it has touched." The author has so adequately described Mr. Kennedy that this reviewer would not even begin to attempt it. Mrs. Levien's description is as follows: "He was a man too handsome to be taken for a detective, unless it was in a murder play, and certainly too intelligent to be an actor in a secondary role, instead of playing the lead. But Mr. Kennedy was too human not to be real." This is just a small sample of the author's writing ability; believe it or not it gets worse.

"**WITH CONSTANT** credibility and a maximum of suspense **ODDS ON MURDER** will set its readers on the road to addiction for fine detective fiction," said one review. Having already commented on the suspense and credibility, this reviewer has only one final comment. An avid fan of the mystery genre will understand, after reading this book, why some people consider mysteries insane and a waste of time.

"**ODDS ON MURDER**" is recommended reading for incurable insomniacs.

SORRY

Last week **THE GOOD TIMES** failed to give proper credit to the photographer, **RICK Keller**, of the picture accompanying the poem on page 10. Our sincerest apologies.



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**REGISTRATION FOR WINTER
QUARTER ENDS NOVEMBER 8**

Sunblazers shut out UM 2-0



PHOTO BY JERRY MARGOLIN

Sam Sedlacek, Sunblazer's third-leading scorer leads the attack in a recent game.

FIU women take up nudist pastime

JULIO C. ZANGRONIZ
Sports Information Director

Anyone who thinks volleyball is a game only for muscle-bound beach bums and bathing beauties should visit the Youth Fair Building adjacent to campus on any afternoon when the Sunblazers women's team is playing a home match. It is their first season of competition at the varsity level.

The lively and skilled gals are certain to keep one's interest riveted to every serve, set and spike throughout the tension-filled exciting matches.

The Sunblazers, under Dr. Judy Blucker's leadership, were heading for the Florida State University Tournament in Tallahassee with high hopes after

compiling a 2-2 season record that includes victories over Miami-Dade Downtown and the University of Miami.

Following the Jacksonville University Tournament ending on Nov. 3, the team will end its home season with matches against Miami-Dade North on Nov. 4 at 3:30 p.m. and then against last year's junior college champion runnerup Miami-Dade South on Nov. 5 at 2 p.m.



PHOTO BY JERRY MARGOLIN

Sunblazer Kathleen Fraser scores another point in Oct. 17 victory over UM.

Unusual 'par-tee' recipe serves 60

POLLY BROWN
Sports Writer

Combine five young women from Florida International University and nine young women from Miami-Dade Community College North. Pour into two containers suitable for transporting. Add assorted suitcases and sets of golf clubs. Mix well. Set timer at 8 a.m. and send to the Lady Seminole Golf Tournament in Tallahassee.

Fold in numerous textbooks and magazines to keep substance from rising. Blend in mixtures of Dr. Pepper, Coca-Cola, pretzels, potato chips, peanuts and candy bars. Allow for conglomeration to settle. Add several pitstops and one for Alka-Seltzer.

Let the substance gel for 12 hours or until stiff. Upon arrival in Tallahassee, pour batter into the cupcake tin-like motel rooms. Let simmer for 10 minutes and then let rise on the Seminole Golf Course for a practice round.

Then whip up 40 other young women golfers from various colleges as:

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The Florida International University Sunblazer soccer team shut out the University of Miami Hurricanes 2-0, in very strong winds at the Tamiami Campus Athletic Field.

While advancing their record to 5-1-0, the Sunblazers dominated their opposition throughout the contest, taking a total of 20 shots on goal to the Hurricanes' three.

Florida International University Coach Greg Myers noted that Miami, whose season record dropped to 2-4-0, "played a good game and I'm pleased that we won while having a chance to try out a few things under game conditions in preparation for important matches against South Florida and Howard in the next couple of weeks."

Warning the team that the toughest games are still ahead, the Sunblazers coach termed them "the most difficult and meaningful for us." Florida International will face the two schools, both ranked high among the South's top ten, on Oct. 26 in Tampa and on Nov. 2 at home.

During the University of Miami game, Tamiami soccer field was under a steady crosswind that gave both Florida International and the Hurricanes almost as much trouble as their opposition.

Florida International got its first score by going against the wind a little over 17 minutes into the game when fullback

Sam Sedlacek kicked the ball into the goal's lower left corner from about 15 yards out on a pass from halfback Hossein Nikkar.

The scant advantage remained unchanged until the 6:30 mark in the second half, when Sunblazers goal-scoring leader Mario Ojeda tallied his sixth of the season on six games after forward Steve Lee took a corner kick from the left side for Florida International.

Making his fifth start, goalkeeper Besteiro Palomeque recorded his second individual shutout and third for the team overall while making only two saves against the Hurricanes' scant offense. Three Sunblazers goalkeepers have allowed only three goals in six games, while the team has scored 23 times against the opposition.

The victory allows the Sunblazers to retain possession of the Simon Daro Cup for the third year in a row. The trophy is contested annually by Florida International and the University of Miami as symbolic of the city's collegiate soccer championship.

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Your sun is rising

JANET MILLER
Staff Writer

Astrology, to the average person, is usually limited to the query, "What's your sign?" followed by an answer of "Oh," "Uh" or a disappointed "Ugh." Yet archaeological studies have proven that ancient civilizations such as the Egyptians, Babylonians, Chaldeans and Chinese all left inscriptional records of the planetary positions and history reveals that many world leaders, past and present, often heeded the advice of their personal astrologers. The average person today is simply not informed about the potentials of modern astrology. Unfortunately, contemporary scientists are concerned mainly with quantitative measurements of cosmic cycles, usually ignoring the study of the relationship of these powerful cycles to biological and psychological processes on Earth.

THE NATAL CHART is a framework of the personality. The chief feature is the sun sign which is modulated by the aspects of the planets and, in the course of life, by the aspects made by planets in "transit" to the natal chart. In classical astrology, there are three symbolic alphabets — the planets, the houses, and the signs of the zodiac. All that is needed to reproduce one's own natal chart is the exact time, date and latitude and longitude of birth, and a good Ephemeris for reference.

First a few definitions. The signs of the zodiac refer to Earth's orbit around the Sun, a period of one year, and is divided into twelve equal segments, thus the twelve signs. The houses reflect the

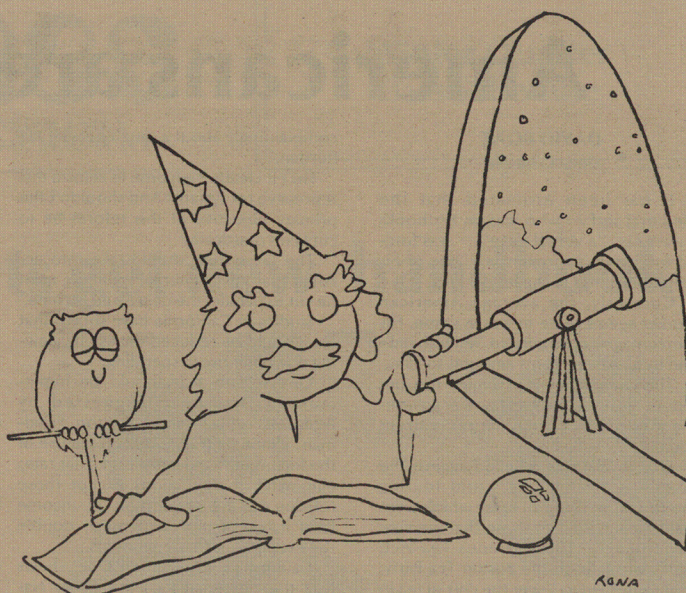
cycle of Earth's rotation on its own axis, a period of twenty-four hours, and is divided into equal twelve segments of approximately two hours each. A natal chart is actually the two superimposed maps of the signs and the houses for a given moment of birth.

The chart consists of a fairly large circle, divided into the twelve equal sections of thirty degrees each, and then plotted with the planet's positions according to the information given in the Ephemeris for the specific birth time, locale, and year.

THE RISING SIGN and sun sign are the two major dictators of the natal chart — the Sun represents Self or basic life orientation and the rising sign signifies the projected personality, the outward appearance of the person or the mask one puts on for others. The circle of houses on the natal chart corresponds to the contemporary biological circadian cycle, computed from two points — the ascendant and the mid heaven. The ascendant or rising sign is the part of the sky rising over the horizon at the moment of birth and the mid heaven or zenith is the part of the sky which is directly overhead at the moment of birth.

Next, the angular positions can be measured on the chart and noted at the bottom of the chart under the heading of "Aspects." Basically, all planetary aspects are triangular with the exceptions being conjunction and opposition (planets positioned opposite one another).

FURTHER DIVISIONS of the circle can be made to determine the three



crosses — cardinal, fixed or mutable, or into four segments to give the four elements of the alchemists' tradition. Interpretation of a planet in the natal chart or horoscope varies according to sign, its house, and its angular aspects.

To interpret the natal chart, one must scrutinize the planets one at a time. For this, a trip to the local library is necessary to consult a variety of volumes explaining the planetary traits, characteristics of the individual houses and the importance of the various angular moments of the planets in relation to each other.

Of course there is an alternative. One can now consult any of a number of computerized astrological services. These modern, high-speed, computers can store, compare, and analyze a

myriad of facts to produce a most precise natal analysis for under twenty dollars.

NOT INTERESTED? Is your reason for disinterest that you believe there is no scientific basis for planetary influence on life on Earth or is it that you believe that astrology is the same as admitting that there is no such thing as free will? Current scientific breakthroughs related to or supporting astrology include major studies on cycles of the solar system such as the ecological cycles of interdependence, body rhythms, susceptibility of plants and animals (and tides, of course) to the lunar cycles, response to weak magnetic fields, and electrostatic fields. All of these effects can be interwoven

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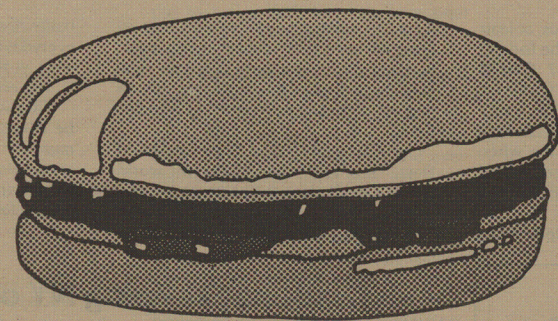
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Americans are slaves to taxes

DAVID BOAZ
Guest Columnist

It has been estimated that the medieval serf — who was, as textbooks always say, “a virtual slave” — was forced to give up approximately 25% of his annual earnings to the feudal lord.

Currently, the average American worker seems to be in worse shape. His ‘percentage’ of grants to federal state and local governments amounts to 45%.

This comparison is of limited use, but it does illustrate the great power government exercises over American citizens today.

Our forefathers rebelled against the greatest power in the world (during their time) because of taxes which were trifling compared to those that we now pay willingly. The infamous Tea Act, which brought on the Boston Tea Party, actually served to lower the cost of tea in the colonies.

Yet those patriots fought the mere principal of unjust taxation, while today, contemporary patriots suffer un-

complainingly about a much heavier tax burden.

Isn't it clearly high time to reform this repressive tax system? And shouldn't the primary objective of this reform be to cut taxes drastically?

The tax system should take into account that governmental spending must be cut to parallel the decreased income.

Studies in California have shown that taxes could be reduced merely by slowing down the rise in spending.

One reform that should be implemented, has been suggested by Professor of Economics Milton Friedman: eliminate the graduated feature of the income tax and substitute a flat rate; eliminate all deductions except those relating to the acquisition of income (that is, occupation expenses); double the exemptions for dependents.

California's ‘Proposition One’ shows that the percentage of the Gross National Product that the government could take as tax revenue would be frozen and then slightly reduced each year.

Friedman's method explains:

In 1970, the federal government spent 25.5% of America's total income. It is probably correct to assume that this figure has climbed to 27% today. Assuming a GNP growth rate of 6% — less than the average of the last five years — this figure could be reduced by about 1.5% a year and government revenues would remain constant.

This analysis, if used effectively by the economic minds of America, could offset the inflationary trends.

Within the system is the provision to allow for some growth in revenues, (which is probably necessary to offset

inflation) and more importantly to allow for the big spenders in Congress and the media.

To implement these changes, Congress would have to choose between lowering the personal income tax rate, the corporate tax, the excise taxes or any other source of federal revenue.

These, and other methods of reducing America's soaring tax rates, must be implemented soon if this country's tradition of liberty is to survive.

It is not hard to analyze that man is not free if he spends 45% of his time laboring for the state.

Computerized charts are most precise

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into the exact effects we speak of in astrology. As the influences of the moon, the sun and the planets on life on Earth are demonstrated, we will begin to see science re-awakening to the same knowledge shared by our ancient ancestors concerning planetary positions and their influence.

As to the elimination of free will, astrology only attempts to mention the probabilities or possibilities of a certain event occurring at a certain time or a certain person tending toward certain characteristics. Buddha was a Taurus and so was Hitler. One can be affixed to his determined characteristics, or can make

efforts to free himself of the natal hindrance, by CHOICE.

Perhaps the major reason that astrology is largely ignored by scientists and educators of today is that there is no known way to account for the supposed effects of the planetary and cosmic cycles. Our search for self understanding and cosmic awareness has not kept pace with our technical and scientific growth and so ancient maps of personality or maps of consciousness have fallen by the wayside for want of a satisfying explanation. Hopefully, with the use of modern computers, those few dignified astrologers left can accumulate their mass of information and provide a more empirical base with which to convince the rest of the community.

response

Publicizing bomb scares was a mistake

On Monday, Oct. 21, I was in the DM building when another bomb scare was reported. It was apparent that students have become immune to the seriousness of the situation by their observed actions. It was a kind of, “Oh, this again — ho-hum,” as many students strolled out of DM.

I have never been in this kind of situation, therefore I left DM at once and quickly at that.

I believe you have this whole bomb scare business a marvelous vehicle for publicity by placing it as your lead article plastered across the front page of the Oct. 17 issue of THE GOOD TIMES.

Why report it at all? Or if you must, why not write an article on safety procedures in evacuating a building, or first aid.

The school publication should keep the students informed but also an ele-

ment of education could be taking place.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Jackson
Senior, art education.

A major concern on the campus, at least to some people it appears, is the food in the cafeteria. In the Oct. 17 **GOOD TIMES**, Bentley Griffiths seems to think it is atrociously, atrocious crappy crap. Well, that may be and I realize it can be a very traumatic time in one's life when his taste buds discover that there is food out there in the world that is not as good as Mom's.

I am not defending the cafeteria but

it amazes me that people can become so enraged over their danish being stale. Perhaps the 's' is a new era with new courses and priorities or maybe it's all part of a nostalgic return to simpler times.

In today's episode of “The Good Old Days,” Suzy says “Golly Corky, the world is sure a swell place to live except for the crappy food in the cafeteria,” to which he replies, “Yep, and wouldn't it be

really neat if we could get fresh danish everyday?” to which she replies, “Gee whiz, yeah.”

The end.

I know that the war was supposed to be over and they finally got what's his name to resign but there still must be something going on out there that would upset you people more than crappy food in the cafeteria.

W. T. Prah

editorial

Try another style

Unfortunately, there is a group of people who have chosen to protest in the form of bomb threats. Certain incidents and characteristics of the situation surrounding the threats have indicated that these individuals may be a part of the FIU community.

It is even sadder that such an ineffective method of protest is being used. There are many more realistic and constructive modes of dissension. Letters to the Editor can be written; placards can be carried, signs, posted; forums and debates can be held in the University House pit, issues can be brought before the student senate or the University Council. These channels are open to every member of the university community and are effective without impairing the freedom of others to attend classes and study.

The threats may not only be endangering the rights of the members of our community, they may be endangering the rights of the people originating the calls. President Charles Perry issued a clear statement of the University's position toward prosecution:

“Bomb threats are a serious interruption of our work and educational efforts. In the interest of the safety of the students, faculty and staff, we have no alternative but to take the threats seriously. Florida Statute 790.164 declares it to be ‘... unlawful for any person to make a false report with intent to deceive, mislead or otherwise misinform any person concerning the placing and planting of any bomb, dynamite or other deadly explosive, or concerning any act of arson or other violence to property owned by the state.’ The punishment provided by law in Florida Statutes 775.082, 775.083 and 775.084 for conviction of a felony of the second degree is a term of imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding 15 years. The person making the bomb threats is a menace to the health, safety and orderly operation of the University and should be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

“It is my duty and responsibility to protect the students, faculty and staff of this institution. I will continue to operate in a manner that will keep this obligation foremost in mind. I ask each member of the University community to support our attempts to act responsibly in this most perplexing situation.”

Not only is the cooperation of the University community vital, it is far more important that these individuals seek a constructive style of protest that does not preclude the freedom of others to pursue an education.

Stale danish not enough for ‘crappy crap’ label

Grads not keeping NY out of Miami

Florida used to be clean and beautiful...

Now, due to outsiders, we have a transposed New York City here in Miami...

Many escaped the tragedies of New York by fleeing to Florida; only to destroy all native traditions and establish their (me, my and I) cult...

Will one have to hold a college degree to use the restroom in the future? Do people know where the universities come from? Tax money from the poor who they rule over...

It seems college degree holders haven't stopped our crash course in these United States...

Signed,
Pyeman

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