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University forum says "no Ziegler"



Jose Eiriz

JIM BALL
News Editor

The first University Forum to ever achieve a quorum met last Friday afternoon and voted to require the SGA to reconsider withdrawing the funds allocated to pay Ron Ziegler for a speaking engagement here.

The vote was declared invalid last Monday, however, by SGA Parliamentarian, Jose Eiriz, "Based on the Registrar's roles we verified 117 signatures establishing the necessary quorum," explained Eiriz, "we had to throw out 30 of the affirmative votes because some people voted twice, some were not students, and some people failed to sign the quorum sheet which made them ineligible to vote."

Eiriz indicated that a simple

majority would have required 59 affirmative votes. The official results were 50 to 2 in favor of withdrawing the funds. "I think the SGA should have written up guidelines and procedures before the forum took place," said Eiriz.

SGA chairperson, Griz Rodriguez, expected the student senate to rescind the allocation. "Whether the Forum is valid or not," commented Rodriguez, "I think it indicates a strong student sentiment against spending that kind of money for Mr. Ziegler."

Had the vote been validated, it would have forced the SGA to reconsider its vote of last week to

go ahead with the contract. The motion presented to the Forum was made by Barbara O'Nan and seconded by Athama Bowe, resolved that "SGA withdraw its \$2,000 allocation to pay Ron Siegler."

A letter from Dr. Sandra Clark, Dean of Student Affairs, read to the assembly prior to voting questioned the financial benefit of the contract. "In my position as Dean," said Clark, "I certainly hope that you will seriously consider the implications of any \$2,000 expense that doesn't provide more direct necessary benefit to the students."

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SGA rises to "hot issue"

JIM BALL
News Editor

Following frequent and lengthy disagreement on procedure, the SGA defeated a motion at last week's meeting that would have rescinded a \$2,000 allocation to pay former White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler for a speaking engagement at FIU.

Ziegler's appearance, scheduled for February 21, was approved at a January 15 meeting of SGA. A motion submitted by Barbara O'Nan urged that the senate rescind the \$2,000 allocation.

"As representatives of the entire student body at FIU, we must defer to the sentiments expressed by our various constituents," said O'Nan. "The money allocated to bring Mr.

Ziegler here could be put to better use.

"It is inappropriate to remunerate a person so closely involved in a national scandal and whose veracity is questionable."

The senators defeated the motion to rescind the allocation by a 14 to 12 vote. A motion to reconsider was also defeated by the same vote.

Mike O'Donovan, an SGA senator who voted to rescind the allocation, explained that "the issue is not a question of free speech, no one said Ron Ziegler could not speak here but the issue is whether we want to pay \$2,000 to have him."

A petition signed by over 220 signatures objecting to the \$2,000

payment to Ziegler was presented by Berdell Moffett at the meeting. "They (Social and Cultural Committee) did not get student input on extending the invitation to Ziegler" said Moffett.

Claude Beaulac, chairman of the Social and Cultural Committee, defended the committee's action. "He's a very hot issue," explained Beaulac. "We were criticized for not doing anything last quarter. Our committee felt that he was one of the best speakers available."

"He was a part of history," commented Ron Puder, who voted against rescinding the allocation. "Ron Ziegler being the controversial figure he is would bring some excitement to FIU."



President Perry (left) and Dr. Karhan

FIU, AUI exchange

MICHAEL DUKEWICH
Student Journalist

Florida International University and Aegean University of Izmir, Turkey have begun a "sister institution relationship which will deal with the exchange of faculty and improvement of educational systems at both institutions," according to Dr. Oktay Ural, Chairman of the Division of Construction in the School of Technology.

The program which started initially in September of 1974 with Dr. Ikaya, associate Professor of Engineering at Aegean University is brought back into the news with the arrival of another member of Aegean Universities staff, Dr. Kemal Karhan.

Dr. Karhan, Dean of the School of Engineering at Aegean University is currently visiting some of Florida's colleges and universities. His particular interests are in community colleges in order to learn more about these systems of operation. Karhan has hopes of establishing the community college system in Turkey since there are no other means of higher education other than four year institutions. Says Karhan, "with over 200,000 high school graduates only about one-fourth can attend one of the nine

universities in the country." However only three of the nine universities are "established universities" according to Ural.

Itinerary for Professor Karhan's visit will include traveling to St. Petersburg Community College and The University of South Florida, along with visits to Broward Community College, Polk Community College and the Miami-Dade North Campus. Making the trip with Dr. Karhan will be Dr. Ural, and Dean Robert W. Ellis Jr., of the School of Technology.

In addition to establishing a community college system in Turkey, Karhan looks at the possibility of "improving our present upper division education in engineering" and hopes FIU will assist in his efforts.

The School of Technology is not the only school which could benefit the program. "We hope that in the future both Aegean University and FIU will enter all of its schools and colleges into the exchange program," according to Dr. Ural. "Not only in the future do we plan to exchange faculty or administrative people, but students of both institutions." The plan for students exchange is really not too far in the future.

Bor met this week

FIU open for admissions

The Board of Regents lifted the freeze on admissions at its Orlando meeting last Monday. "The freeze has been lifted on admissions," said Mr. Ron Butler, university registrar. FIU will begin processing applications as it was before the freeze was imposed."

Board of Regents chairman Marshall Criser called the special meeting on February 3 to consider recommendations on admissions and further budget

cuts in the State University System. The temporary freeze on admissions should be clarified at the session to be held in Orlando.

The BOR finance committee met recently in Jacksonville to review the order of January 13 admissions. Also, the impact of a shortfall in anticipated state revenue for this fiscal year was assessed.

A number of alternatives were recommended for exploration for a cut of at least \$70 million out of the State University System

request budget for this year. Governor Reubin Askew has asked all state agencies to reduce budget requests for 1975-76.

To meet the \$70 million reduction, the BOR will explore a number of actions at the Orlando meeting:

- Giving up faculty man-year positions while increasing the staff support for faculty.
- Having no salary increases for 1975-76.

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FIU news briefs

Safety turns to Elcar

The campus Safety Dept. trying to fight the high cost of gas has turned to another means of getting around the 344 acre campus. An Electric car is being tested here on campus called the Elcar.

The Elcar operates on eight automotive-type batteries which are recharged by plugging them into any standard 110 volt household outlet. A battery charger is standard equipment and a complete recharge takes from seven to eight hours. The cost to fully charge the car according to Florida Power & Light present rates is 35 cents.

The Elcar is available in two models. Model 1000 has a driving range of 45 miles with a top speed of 25 miles per hour. Model 2000 will reach a speed of 35 mph but with a range of only 30 miles.

Although still being tested the Safety Department feels the saving in gas will be great. A compact car runs about 12 cents a mile where the Elcar operates for about one-half cent a mile with no exhaust fumes.

The Elcar retails for under \$3,000 and can be seen at Bolt-On Parts, 15551 West Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach.



(From left) Ed Brown, Tony Socarris and Bill Martin inspect an Elcar.

Daycare underway

Dr. Jewel Janis and Barbara O'Nan met with students, faculty and staff Friday to discuss a program for a child daycare center.

A lot of effort has been put forth in order to get this project on the road. The day care center is willing to bend to meet the FIU mothers' needs ... but first, interested parents must lend a helping hand to set down the foundations and raise the initial costs.

Dean Clark came up with an ideal place to take care of the youngsters, tentatively. St. Simon's Episcopal Church has offered to rent out 5 rooms to FIU

for 5 days a week. These classrooms are fully equipped and only five minutes away from campus on the corner of 45th St. and 109th Avenue. The committee hopes to accommodate 3, 4 and 5 year olds at a price from twenty to thirty dollars a week.

This group of women have devoted a lot of time to put this together and need your suggestions. Why not offer some of your time and creative ideas to hasten the development of this much needed child day-care center. Please drop off any suggestions you might have to the SGA office in University House 311.

EDITORIAL

Lonely campus, Florida International University. All concrete and construction.

Communication appears to have broken down at many streams of the FIU network. Somehow only a few know what's going on. Questions arise as to who is really commanding the institution. All people here should have some idea of where to go with a problem or opinion.

Those familiar with the politics of FIU are aware of the deals and back-scratching, all off the record, of course. And with the economy squeezing in, it will be interesting that the wheeling and dealing may multiply. Money for one department comes from another's budget.

Where the money comes from points to priorities. Money. Priorities. Hmmm, who could possibly dictate where each

penny goes.

After last week's incident of the Ronald Ziegler lecture, it is important to note who had the final word, public outcry or political commitment. One of the beauties of democracy is the freedom of speech, of which Mr. Ziegler is taking advantage. But, according to one dean, there is the issue of morality and values, too. Mr. Ziegler has the interest of his pocketbook as he rides the lecture circuit. But students and faculty ask about how Mr. Ziegler's lecture, or any other issue, will benefit FIU. Surely the energy of the thousands of brains right on campus can be channeled.

Opinions, energy and the concrete campus point to weakness at FIU in general. That must be in some break of unity. It takes the combined efforts of the sharpest people to build and lead FIU.

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Money is medal

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Dean of Int'l Affairs

While sitting there at that Student Government meeting which voted the \$2,000 for Ziegler I could only think back over the whole Watergate epoch and agree with a statement of John Billings' which Adlai Stevenson often used: "As scarce as truth is, the supply is greater than the demand". Where was the demand for truth reflected in this vote? A catering to notoriety yes, to sensationalism, and maybe even to that posture of seedy politics which maintains that all events have a right side, a left side and an "inside". Ziegler presumably is to provide the "inside" of the Watergate affair. What a shocking disregard for history, and such recent history at that.

The argument about freedom of speech is sheer unadulterated rationalization after the fact of the most offensive type. What is involved is a matter not of the degree of freedom but of the extent of the reward. A \$2,000 fee in a society where things are measured substantially in monetary terms is a prize, a medal which is not pinned on the chest but deposited in the bank.

And this reward has to be placed in the context of our University's financial situation. When I hear that no books will be bought for the Library in 1975-76, or to bring it closer to my Center, when as Dean I see a potentially magnificent exchange program in teacher training with the Bahamas stymied because the \$550 needed to launch it are not available; when the request from the Philosophy Dept. for \$30 to offer lunch to guests of Archbishop McGrath of Panama who asked for no remuneration at all to address the University cannot be met... I could go on. The point is clear to those who care.

Offer Ziegler a roundtrip ticket, a night at a decent hotel and a free forum at this University. Offer him even something more than the lousy roast beef sandwich which was Congressman Dante Fascell's only material reward when he recently addressed us at FIU—but by God do not reward him for his deeds.

Since Ziegler himself is not a worthy subject of debate, in the final analysis this debate will have been beneficial only if we address ourselves to the prin-

ciples involved. One of them, I would suggest, is that Student Governments ought to address themselves to both the wants and the needs of their constituents. The questions then become: do the students want Ziegler on Campus and, secondly, do they need Ziegler... more than books in the Library, for instance. It is a heavy responsibility these student leaders have. In this particular instance they appeared to have fumbled the ball.

News from... Student Services Job Seminars Begin

The Department of Career Planning and Placement will be offering a series of seminars on "Techniques of Job Search" beginning Monday, February 10.

Each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from February 10 until March 13, there will be a seminar on Resume Writing, Letter Writing and Interviewing during Free Period from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Additional special seminars include "Career Decision Making" on Friday, February 14, "Career Outlook for Women" on Friday, February 21, and "Opportunities for Spanish-Surnamed Americans," February 28.

Interested students should visit the Career Planning and Placement Department, University House 340, to make an appointment for the most convenient seminar time. Seminar lists are posted in the schedule rack with the employer on-campus schedules.

Official University Announcement Experiencing marital problems? Free help available.

Students experiencing role conflicts due to marriage, the need to support a family, the adjustments of divorce and like problems may join a series of 10 weekly psychological group sessions centering around these concerns and possible resolutions.

The program, free to 12 individuals who are married, will be led by a qualified professional as part of the contractual counseling services from the Division of Student Services at a time and place to be decided at the convenience of the group. Call Mrs. Heimbold or Mrs. Diehl in Student Services, UH 340, extension 2421, to sign up. Students interested in forming other groups should also call.

Official University Announcement Division of Student Services

PERSPECTIVES expands your scope of knowledge

Participate in this informal lunch-time lecture series, a joint venture of the FIU faculty, students and staff, every Tuesday at 12:40 p.m. in the Colonial American Room of the Cafeteria, University House. Bring your lunch.

Winter Quarter Speakers and Topics

- Tues., Feb. 4—"The Urban University: Yesterday and Today"
Dr. William A. Jenkins
- Tues., Feb. 11—"The State of the U.S. Economy: International Dimensions"
Dr. Jay Mendell
- Tues., Feb. 18—"Must Creative Persons be Chewed Up by Society?"
Linette Storms
- Tues., Feb. 25—"Patrician Eating on a Plebeian Budget"
Dr. John Sheldon
- Tues., Mar. 4—"Speculations about Unsolved Mysteries"
James Jones
- Tues., Mar. 11—"A Return to Storytelling"
James Jones

Coordinated by Student Activities
Division of Student Services

Look at Perspectives

Universities must seek to prepare their students for the "real world." In an effort to stress the bridge between the classroom and reality Florida International University has initiated PERSPECTIVES, a lunch-time lecture series, coordinated by the Student Activities of the Office of the Division of Student Services. Each Tuesday at 12:40, a different speaker from the FIU community will be featured. Topics will center on problems and solutions to life in the Twentieth Century.

Perspectives, FIU's lunch-time lecture series, is open to the entire community, and will be held each Tuesday, February 4-March 11, in the Colonial American Dining Room of the University House Cafeteria.

Gabriel Kaplan, who calls himself "America's No. 1 irreverent comedian," will end his performance at the Hyatt House this Saturday evening.

His act spoofs television, politics, sex, and the world around him. He has played at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, various clubs around the country, and local coffee houses. Though a native New Yorker, he considers himself a Miami "home town boy."

Singer Eloise Laws and the Kewettes are also on the bill. There is a \$5.00 cover for Thursday and Friday's shows, and a \$6.00 cover for Saturday's shows—all shows start at 9:00 and 11:30 p.m. Reservations not required.

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Ziegler: FIU reacts

“No mouthpiece is worth \$2000.” Such was the general

“In a time of financial crisis, I can think of 100 reasons why FIU

Many students felt the need to schedule controversial figures at FIU. Their general consensus was that it would be a good idea for the school. "I think that having a speaker such as Ronald Ziegler will raise the student conscious level. It would be wrong for the students to harass him when he comes. To turn him down after he's been invited would be a discredit to the University," stated Michael Willner, President of The Politics Club. "As a professional in his field and because of his involvements, Ronald Ziegler may have something to tell us," stated Athama Bowe.

- Having no program improvements or new programs.
- Reducing the number of small classes, could be done by merging, eliminating or offering classes less frequently.
- Delaying purchases of equipment for all but emergency requirements.

To fulfill these goals, the president also asked that specific actions be deliberated for the next few months. In the event of a budget reduction, efforts would begin to meet it.

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The Sailing Club is bringing tents along so plan to camp out, swim, beachcomb and lend a hand sanding and varnishing SHALOM. \$15.00 will cover the

cost of all food and drinks and should be pre-paid to Henry Schur, PC 348, by February 11. His number is 552-2578. The capacity of the SHALOM is limited so sign up early.

A Biology class rented the junk recently and collected some fine invertebrate specimens near Soldiers Key. Other clubs and classes may make arrangements to rent the boat by calling Henry Schur.

The Sailing Club meets regularly each Thursday at 12:30 in DM 110. All FIU students, staff and faculty are invited to attend.

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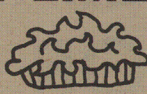
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