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SGA working with \$156,970

Budget talks stalled in committee

LEONARD LANG
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Budget Committee adjourned Friday, April 9, without approving the proposed operating budget for 1976-77.

The budget of \$156,970 for a four quarter period was broken down by Alan Sakowitz, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, to prepare the budget.

Sakowitz's budget came under sharp attack from several persons present at the committee meeting which included SGA chairperson Jose Eiriz, Jerry Silverberg, Lorraine Travare, and Perry Woodruff.

Sakowitz's budget attempted to cut SGA spending by about 10 percent. However, where Sakowitz's cuts came from was the subject of controversy.

Some of the programs to be

cut included SGA night help, \$500; a projectionist \$300; and a cut in the Social and Cultural budget of 50 percent. Instead of receiving the \$4,500 for speaker honorariums they received last fall, the new budget allotted them \$2,500.

Eiriz also pointed out that in Sakowitz's proposal there were no line items to cover activity in the Florida Student Association, totaling \$2,500.

With the discussion deadlocked over changes to be made in Sakowitz's budget, Sakowitz left the meeting eliminating the quorum. The Budget Committee will meet again Friday, April 16, to iron out differences so the budget can go before the Activities and Service (A&S) Committee, then the Senate for approval, sometime next week.



President institutes action to find permanent campus safety chief

J. M. GREENBERG

President Harold B. Crosby, in a memorandum issued April 8, instituted action to activate the Search and Screen Committee to find a "permanent" director of the Campus Safety Department.

The memorandum which appointed Bruce Hamersley as chairperson of the committee, went on to say that, "An advisory committee to the vice-president for administrative affairs in the selection process is requested to submit the names of not less than three nor more than five qualified individuals for this position. The committee should recommend for consideration only persons whom it judges to be well qualified for the position and need not list them in order of preference. In accordance with Board of Regents policy, Section 6c-4.01 of the Florida Administrative Code, I have the responsibility for the final decision concerning this and similar appointments."

There had been growing concern among the academic community that no action would be taken on the directorship prior to the expiration of the interim director's contract. That contract expires June 6.

Hamersley said, "The committee had been in existence for two months prior to Crosby's memo and no action had been taken. On Feb. 8, the faculty senate was asked to appoint a member to the Search and

Screen Committee. I was asked to join the committee on Feb. 10."

Hamersley, an assistant professor in the Criminal Justice Department, said he was asked to report on the progress of the committee. He was officially asked in a March 3 memo as to the committee's progress, but no action had been taken. The committee hadn't met and there were no plans for any action in the future.

Another memo was addressed to Hamersley from the faculty senate April 1, but again, no action had been taken or planned. Hamersley said, "The committee had been in existence for two months, no plans were made, and no action had been taken. Without the initiative of Dr. Crosby, nothing would have happened."

The April 8 memo from Crosby, besides naming Hamersley Chairperson, also appointed the following people to

the committee:

Chany Almazan—Chairperson, A & P Senate
Grace Brown—Chairperson, Career Service Senate
Sandra Clark—Dean of Student Services
Carl Johnson—Officer, Campus Safety
Perry Woodruff—Student Government Association
Francena Thomas—Director of Affirmative Action
Donald Raymond, Ex Officio

Hamersley said, "I plan for the committee to meet within a week and establish a work plan. We'll review what the prior committee did or didn't do, make some decisions about proceeding with the selection process and establish tentative guidelines and deadlines.

"We also hope to establish a minimal criteria, decide on advertisement means and set affirmative action guidelines."

Calls for implementation by Sept. 1, 1977

Common calendar being considered

JANICE SCHWARTZ
News Editor

A bill which would require the State University System and community colleges to operate under a common academic calendar is presently under consideration in the Florida State legislative session. The bill states that the calendar would be implemented no later than Sept. 1, 1977.

If the bill is passed, a committee will be created by community college and university system representatives to see what kind of calendar would best academically serve students and faculty, according to Ron Arrowsmith, vice-president of Administrative Affairs at FIU.

Dr. Robert Fisher, associate vice president of Academic

Affairs, said there is a big push to pull all community colleges and universities under a common calendar so it would be easier to transfer from school to school.

Arrowsmith finds problems in both the present semester and quarter systems. "The problem with the semester system on the administrative level is that the summer session tends to be too long to be accountable for teachers, whereas in the quarter system, we have the option to shorten the summer session for five weeks.

"I've heard from one teacher that he wishes the quarter system was a little bit longer because he hardly gets to learn his students' first names when the term ends.

"We've had requests within the last few years by some

faculty to change the system," Arrowsmith said.

Fisher said, "Changing to an all semester system is politically impossible unless the common calendar turns out to be the semester system."

Arrowsmith said in choosing a common calendar the committee has to decide what is best for the community colleges and state universities. "They shouldn't jump into it. Probably the best thing would be something between the two extremes (semester and quarter systems).

"Who knows, it may not be anything that has been done before," Arrowsmith said.

In changing the quarter system to a longer term, Arrowsmith said there would be difficulties in the curriculum.

"We can't teach the same thing in a longer amount of time. We would have to change the kind of course coverage taught during the term," he said.

Arrowsmith said if the bill passes it would probably be by June. The committee would decide on what kind of calendar to be used in April.

"That doesn't give us much time to make the change before September of '77. I'd much rather see the bill with no date set for the change to be done," he said.

The bill is the outcome of one of the recommendations made by the Florida Public Post-Secondary Education Finance Committee which was created during the 1975 Legislative Session.

First floor to be back in use

\$250,000 being spent on renovating

GEORGE LETCHFORD
Staff Writer

At a proposed budget of \$200,000 for remodeling and \$50,000 for refurbishing, the first floor of the PC building will be put back into use.

The entire lower floor,

which formerly housed the library, will by Fall Quarter, house offices and four classrooms. Registration and Records, Admissions, Financial Aid and the Cashier's Office will be centralized and find a permanent home there, said

David Allard, physical planning consultant for FIU.

The present location of these offices will be used to centralize and enlarge Community Affairs, and the wings will be used for more classrooms. "The lobby will be less congested, because

all the offices the students will need to use regularly will be on the first floor," said Allard.

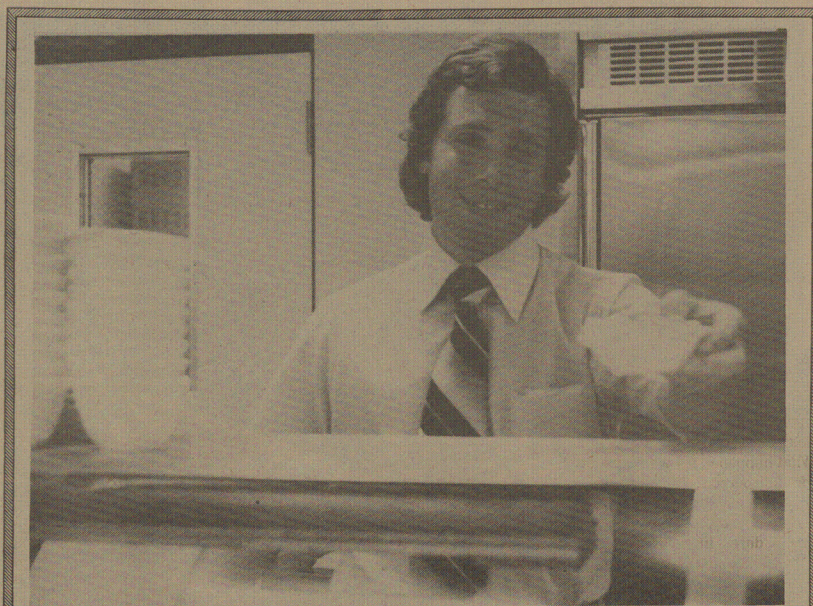
The first floor area has been vacant since last fall, and has not been put into use because library equipment has not been completely removed, also the University has been waiting for construction bids. All shelving and equipment not being used by the new library is being sent to FIU's North Miami Campus.

Fran Sabbagh, assistant director of Registration and Records, thinks the move is a great idea. "Moving downstairs will be a big help, especially for students, because there will be common records for both admissions and registration," she said. "The two offices on the second floor and the Registrar's Office on the fifth floor will be next to each other, and students won't have to run from one place to another." The proposed location for Registration and

Records is the front center section of the ex-library.

Admissions will probably be on the east side of the building. Mark Marangella, assistant director of Admissions and Community Relations, says space is very limited on the second floor, and that the first floor site will have a large reception area, lounge, and will allow more working space and privacy. Also, the offices will be furnished with fire proof vaults for student records. The phone numbers will remain the same. There is a possibility that an art gallery will be constructed there.

The exact locations of the offices will be known in approximately two weeks, according to Marangella. Construction bids are in, and approval of the proposed layout is being awaited. If the project goes according to plan, the new offices will be in operation by September.



STEVE THURSTON.

David Allan Ruben, photo

All in a days work, new cook is also boss

MARIAN JONES
Staff Writer

When the new manager of the FIU cafeteria took over he did not realize that cooking was included in his job description.

The regular cook is on temporary, indefinite leave due to an injury. He has no secretary, and is short on cashiers. So, in his first month here as manager, Steve Thurston is preparing lunches, and doing paperwork.

Thurston is employed by Saga Foods, a contract service, which

provides food to hospitals, restaurants, and schools. He began working for Saga in Idaho, his home state, and has worked in schools in Tennessee and South Carolina.

He states that although he has a small staff, they are good workers. He says that one of their main problems is lunch service, because between 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. the cafeteria is packed, and employees have to prepare 400 to 550 meals in that time, which does not include short orders.

Thurston said that despite the problems, he enjoys working at FIU because the atmosphere is less restrictive than at other schools where he has worked, and feels he can vary items more on the menu.

Students should request items they would like to have by using the suggestion box in the cafeteria. He also said it would be a great help if students would bring their trays to the disposal section.

Four Spanish dialog plays will be funded by SGA

KATHY LINDSAY
Staff Writer

A price tag of \$2,000 for four plays with entirely Spanish dialog was considered high by some members of the SGA who feel the money spent will not reflect the wishes of a majority of the students.

The decision was passed with a 12-4 vote in last Wednesday's SGA meeting, but there was little discussion concerning the language factor.

The Directory of Cuban Students, who will handle their own publicity and are to raise \$2,000 of the original \$4,000 will present the plays on four different weekends this summer. What makes the plays unique and also costly is the fact that they will be put on by professionals.

Sponsor of the resolution, Alan Sakowitz, says that a high percentage of FIU students are Spanish speaking and 99 percent of the productions are in English. "I'd still support it if it came up again. It's more than just the language to be appreciated; it's scenery, costumes, etc. If we claim to be an international school, we should support events of this nature."

Jose Eliriz, chairperson, said he "sees nothing wrong with presenting a play in German, French, or any other language. It's a cultural experience. We've spent money on a lot of different events and the Cuban students have contributed a great deal to the school."

Tony Asbury, senator, voted against the proposal because he feels that the amount of money

being spent on the plays is not proportionate to what has been spent for theatre and art productions which last year totaled \$6,300 for the entire year. The Cuban plays would cost one third of that amount. Asbury said, "Student money should be spent on things the majority of students can benefit from."

Jerry Woodward, senator, thinks anything that happens in the university should be in a form that is open to everyone and suggested that an introduction in English be incorporated into the plays so the plot can be understood by the non-Spanish speaking audience.

Sakowitz considers this a "fair request" and is expected to see that an English introduction is offered at the beginning of each play.

News Capsule

Homosexuality topic of workshop

Representative Elaine Noble of the Massachusetts State Legislature will be the speaker at the Fifth Minority Concerns Conference on the subject of homosexuality, Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Athenaeum 100.

The workshop is designed to assist Dade County teachers in becoming aware of the special needs of homosexuals. Following Noble's presentation, participants will discuss the spiritual needs of homosexuals. Female and male homosexuality will also be discussed.

For further information call Carolyn Sarnoff, at 552-2648.

Political insight offered

Students interested in the workings of the Federal government can apply to the 1976 Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems. Participants in the institute's program can become volunteers in Senate and Congressional offices in Washington, D.C. and take courses at Georgetown University this summer.

This program is open to any student who is in good standing at FIU. Write: Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky, Director Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems, 2121 P St., N.W., Suite 222, Washington, D.C. 20037. Some scholarships are also available. Application deadline is April 23.

Research subjects needed

Students from the Psychology Department are still looking for students who would like to participate as subjects in their research project concerning bilingualism and memory processes.

The purpose of the project, began last quarter by two students, is to understand the skills of those who speak and particularly recall words in both Spanish and English. The study does not involve IQ's, GPA's or personality traits.

Interested students should go to PC 239 at 12:30 p.m. April 14-21.

Water management topic of talk

Dr. John M. DeGrove, Director of the FAU-FIU Joint Center for Environmental and Urban problems, will speak in UH 213 Monday, April 19, at 12:30 p.m. His topic will be "Regional Issues in Land and Water Management." A question and answer period will be included.

'Great Dictator' shows tonight

Charlie Chaplin's tour de force, The Great Dictator, will be shown Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in UH 140.

Dear Sam Flanders

Dear Sam,

My boyfriend, a finance major, is well endowed sexually. How can I prevent him from always mentioning it?—venus

Dear Venus,

Finance majors do "trade on their equity." Tell him that large deposits are not enough if it means losing your interest. If that fails, then tell him to take his capital elsewhere.

Dear Sam,

My boyfriend, a psychology major, recently took statistics after which he made me do a certain act. Does the enclosed drawing represent what he was taught?—discusted.

Dear Discusted,

You did nothing wrong, according to our experts the diagram you enclosed was a Standard Deviation.

Dear Sam,

Last week I went out with a student from the school of Arts & Sciences. He is majoring in computers. He interfaced his hardware with my software. Naturally I rejected his intended program. He complained that it was only BASIC, what shall I do?—virgynne.

Dear Virgynne,

The next time he tries that, squeeze his peripherals, that will deactivate his terminal and stop his program.

Dear Sam,

I am happily married to a music major at FIU. At a recent concert she was billed as a virtuoso. My reputation is at stake, can you help?

Dear Sir,

I checked with the music department. Your wife does indeed have a reputation. She sings 15th century choral music. Do not worry, her virtuoso title refers to her MADRIGAL not her MARITAL performances.

Dear Sam,

My girlfriend is in the M.B.A. program. After our last session she slapped my face and told me to learn to make love like an accountant. What does she mean—frustrated.

Dear Frustrated,

According to the Accounting Department you must notify your partner of all your withdrawals. Do not underestimate the depreciation of your asset. Unless this is done your partner will become a silent one.

Melvin Cohen

Petition procedures inadequate Letters

At the present time the qualification and petition procedures for running for a Student Government position are not only inadequate but favors incumbents, other S.G. people and people with early weekday classes.

The newcomer has no chance in even qualifying to run for a S.G. position. I site my aquasation on the basis of my experience in desiring to run for such a position. Being that my classes are on Tuesdays and Friday, I did not read about the elections until Friday even though the paper comes out on Wednesdays.

After reading about the elections I ran up to the S.G. offices to get a petition to run only to find out that I had till 4 p.m. that day to get 25 signatures of Arts & Sciences students. With the better part of my lunch in my gut and the rest slowly on the upclevity I had 14 minutes till my next class to get 25 signatures. What happened if I wanted to run for chairperson; 100 signatures in 15 minutes truly a feat even Hercules could not perform. I got half a dozen in record time but that left me out. My class started and was finished with my half a dozen worthless signatures (with all due respect for those who signed it for me). Why do I say favor incumbents and other S.G. people? Because they know

before hand about the elections. They have time to get signatures and talk to people, to plan strategies generally easing into the picture without having to procure signatures with an Alka Seltzer and Pepto Bismal. After all that is the reason for the signature requirement, even though I think the requirements are absurd but that is the topic of a different discourse.

What happens to the interested students who want to get involved? The ones who feel they have some valuable information and experiences towards the betterment of Student Government and the student population. Will they turn apathetic? Surely not. For myself it only strengthens my determination to get involved, my desire to help those in need of aid.

Do I offer criticism without reconstruction? Certainly not. All that has to be done is to inform students two weeks in advance that there is an election and that there are various offices available. Simple, of course. That's the way S.G. should be run on the students level.

Ashley Diener

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News from SGA

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Students Needed For Committees:

- 1. Committee on Academic Probation and Suspension—one opening
- 2. Fee Appeals Committee—one opening
- 3. Academic Misconduct and Grievance Task Force—two openings
- 4. Commencement Committee—two openings
- 5. Undergraduate Admissions Committee—one opening

Apply in UH 310

Boat Display and Movie, sponsored by FIU Sailing Club
April 15, UH Forum
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

★★★★★★

International Week Meeting,
April 15, UH 317
12:30 p.m.

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Student Social Workers Meeting,
April 15, UH 213W
12:30 p.m.

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United Black Students Meeting,
April 16, UH 316
12:30 p.m.

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SGA Senate Meeting,
April 21, UH 150
11 a.m.

Is FIU bookstore a rip-off?

KATHY LINDSAY
Staff Writer

Are bookstore prices really a rip-off? A recent comparison of campus bookstore prices suggests that this is not the case.

Although FIU's bookstore is a privately owned operation, its procedures are identical to other campus bookstores with only a few variations.

College bookstores make no net profit on the sale of textbooks. The money earned from the sale of books is used to off-set the cost of obtaining and merchandising the books. Textbooks are sold at the publisher's established list price. There are no quantity discounts.

John Cannelly, Miami-Dade

South's bookstore manager, says that "public relations forces him to sell at no more than list price, and economics no less than list price. If we sold nothing but books, we would not generate a profit."

Dick Lindsay, bookstore manager at FIU, says he sympathizes with the students. "Often the students are justified. The publisher's prices are high... I really could care less how many books are sold. As to profit, we would be better off to give the student 50 cents and tell him to buy the book somewhere else."

Lindsay says it is a bad situation for both the bookstore and the student. "The students feel trapped. They are forced to buy something they often don't really want to buy, and then there is only one place to go," he says.

Both bookstore managers say that demand for books is not a problem, although supply is. There are three major sources of obtaining books: on-campus, buying back from students; a nationwide network of private wholesale operations; and buyer's surplus warehouses.

There is an advantage for the bookstore in selling used books. The market value of used books is in direct relation to the price of the book when it is new. The bookstore can sell used books at 75 percent of the new price and buy used books from the student at 50 percent, a discount of 25 percent. This is why students are encouraged to sell used books to the bookstore. It would mean a profit for both students and bookstore.

Assuming that there will be a demand for a book the following term, a student may buy a new book and sell it back at 50 percent of the new price. If he buys a used book, he buys it at 25 percent off and sells it back at 50 percent of its original price, a savings of 75 percent. Yet, a relatively small percentage of students sell used books.



David Allan Ruben, photo

STUDENT MAKES PURCHASE AT BOOKSTORE.

Drinking water lab issues second report

LISA THAYLER
Staff Writer

At FIU, the Department of Environmental Technology has a newly established Drinking Water Quality Laboratory.

It has recently issued its second report entitled "Organophosphates & Drinking Water—The need for surveillance in some Dade County, Florida, water supply sources." The authors of the report are Dr. Dan Jackson, professor and Director of the Division of Environmental Technology and Urban Systems; Dr. Jose T. Villate, Associate Professor, of the Division; David Carlisle, an FIU student; and Paul R. Wood, a consulting chemist from North Miami.

The widespread use of pesticides, insecticides and fungicides in agricultural South Dade are threatening the community. The spraying of pesticides near canals not only contaminates the water, but also birds, fish and other animals as well.

In January, the Dade County Health Department brought water samples to be analyzed at the FIU Drinking Water Laboratory. With the use of the

Gas Chromatograph, on loan to the University by the Tracor Co., analysis of the sample was completed within two days showing negative results of the pesticide parathion appearing in the water.

Copies of the study have been sent to the Health Department, county commissioners, Metropolitan Water Authority, and distributed to school administrators. Dr. Jackson estimates \$60,000 would be necessary yearly to maintain a staff to do routine laboratory and field work checks of the water supply. A committee has been formed with the purpose of establishing a major lab facility and to resolve ways of disposing of the pesticide barrels.

At the moment, these barrels are being buried. However, residue may seep through the soil to the water supply.

"The State Legislature should take hold of the project and fund the studies. Hopefully, Senator Jack Gordon of the Ways and Means Committee will allocate the necessary monies for the project so FIU may continue to serve the community by taking preventive measures for the benefit of South Dade," Jackson said.

Schedule

Wednesday, April 17

9 a.m.-5 p.m. VITA Income Tax Assistance sponsored by Accounting Association. UH Forum
10 a.m.-12 p.m. Faculty Senate. UH 213W
11 a.m.-3 p.m. SGA meeting. UH 150
2 p.m. Tennis, FIU vs. University of Miami (Home game)
3 p.m. Baseball, FIU vs. University of Miami (Home game)

Thursday, April 15

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Boat Display and movie sponsored by FIU Sailing Club. UH Forum
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Federation of Cuban Students. UH 315
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. International Week Meeting. UH 317
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Student Social Workers Meeting. UH 213W
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Interact Club. Cafeteria
3 p.m.-4 p.m. A&P Senate Meeting. UH 315

Friday, April 16

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Physical Therapy lecture on Sports and Medicine. UH 150
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Friends of Farmworkers. UH 315
12:30 p.m.-3 p.m. United Black Students. UH 316
3 p.m. Baseball, FIU vs. University of South Florida (Home game)

Saturday, April 17

2 p.m. Baseball, FIU vs. University of South Florida (Home game)

Sunday, April 18

1:30 p.m. FIU vs. Florida Institute of Technology (2 games at home)

Monday, April 19

12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Music Recital. UH 140
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Pre Med Society, speech on environmental issues. UH 317, UH 213E
3 p.m. Baseball, FIU vs. Biscayne College (Home game)
4 p.m. Hotel Sales Management Association Dinner, Meeting. UH 210

Tuesday, April 20

12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Professional Commerce Association Rush Meeting. UH 213E
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. International Week Meeting. UH 316
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Ice Skating Club. UH 317
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Hotel Sales Management Association. UH 213W
3 p.m. Baseball, FIU vs. University of Miami. (Home game)

Wednesday, April 21

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Career Service Senate Meeting. UH 213E
11 a.m.-3 p.m. SGA meeting. UH 150
2 p.m. Tennis, FIU vs. Miami-Dade South
6 p.m. Music Recital. UH 140

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Proposal: Bill approves students on BOR

The Senate Education Committee approved a bill placing three students on the Board of Regents (BOR).

The bill by Senator Jack Gordon's (D-Miami) was aided by Senate President Dempsey Barron who spoke in favor of the student regent concept. Senator Barron stated that his meeting with members of the Florida Association of Student Senates

and the State Council of Student Body President was "the most productive afternoon he's had since he's been in the legislature."

He stated that students should be involved before decisions are made. He likened student input

now to a completed chess match, they must go back and try to determine where the moves were made.

Senator Gordon explained that since at least 30 percent of the cost of university education is borne by students, they are en-

titled to at least 25 percent of the representation.

Senator Sayler (R-St. Petersburg) attempted to insert the student regent into one of the nine regent slots already provided for by law. The committee rejected this amendment

saying that it would disturb the geographical representation of BOR.

Senator Kenneth MacKay (D-Ocala) stated that it is desirable to have three students since they are not independent businessmen and students have schedules which may now allow them to attend all BOR meetings. Senator Bob Graham (D-Miami Lakes) stated there should be three students because of the psychological factor. Students would tend to be less aggressive if they were a minority of one. He also stated that 25 percent of the Board should reflect the direct consumers of education, the students.

Senator Graham then moved the bill. The final tally showed Education Chairman Phil Lewis (D-West Palm Beach), Sayler, and Vogt (D-Cocoa Beach) in opposition and Senator Graham, MacKay, Peterson (D-Eaton Park) and Tobiasen (R-Pensacola) in favor. Senator Plante (R-Winter Park) was not present to vote.

A professor with flair

DAVID ALLAN RUBEN
Photo Editor

It's been an awful morning!

You ponder the realization of an accounting exam tomorrow and a statistics quiz on Friday. You shuffle slowly down the hallway to your next and final class, carrying with you repressed anxieties, fear of failure, and a deflated ego.

Entering the classroom you pull your desk back so that it is flush with the wall, place your books down, take your shoes off, and join the taylor seated group. YOU BEGIN TO FEEL BETTER. Welcome to Paul Butkovich's Behavioral Science In Management 456 class.

Butkovich's teaching philosophy is one that solicits individualism to set this self-structured course in movement. "By not making use of all the resources available at FIU, we

limit its boundaries," he feels.

"I'm concerned with the notion of ultra participation, not only in the how, but also in the what and why." This emerging structure sets the class style.

Paul Butkovich responds to teaching as a person, stating that "no two teachers are the same because of this ultra individualism." He contends that the universities have only attempted to attract a limited range of the full range of the being. Behavioral Science In Management is an attempt to explore those other levels.

Classmates of mine have responded to its personal value

by saying: "the experience of your life; people and their resources are the most important thing; to listen; a profound impact upon my awareness; given me the will to learn; an experience of opening yourself up to other people; the most important resource in the world; I overcame my shyness; and it allowed me the opportunity to awaken."

One enters Paul Butkovich's class naive to others needs and desires and exits with fulfillment and regrets. The amount one gains from the class is dependent on the effort given. A lesson well learned.



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Seven Beauties—slightly cosmic

R. E. STACK
Critic-at-large

When "Seven Beauties" opens, the audience doesn't know what is going on. That may be their predicament for a good part, or all, of this latest offering of the genius of Lina Wertmuller. That opening comes with film clips of Hitler and Mussolini; it escalates in a zoom into an explosive madness where Dr. Strangelove left off, punctuated by an insane voice drawing, "Oh, yeah." And, then, the action starts—you know not what or where.

Finally two figures are discerned—soldiers, Italian. Separated from their units, they meet and decide to run for home out of Germany. One, Pasqualino Frafuso (Giancarlo Giannini), happens to be all tangled up in bandages he stole from a wounded man. As they tramp on disconsolately through a Black Forest nightmare, Pasqualino drifts off into a reverie of home, of Naples.

Neighborhood bon vivant and small-time criminal, he is known as "Seven Beauties" because of the seven sisters whose virtue he feels he guards and of his mysterious, irresistible charm for women. Protecting an ancient sister who scarcely needs protection, he gets involved with a local hood and, much to the surprise of both, shoots him. Caught in a wildly grandiose scheme to cut up and transport the remains to distant cities, Pasqualino fakes madness, can't stand the asylum, volunteers for the army.

The two Italian "refugees" are soon captured by a German patrol and thrown into a concentration camp. There, in scenes lifted from Dore's Inferno, the vomiting madness of war, of life itself, yawns, gapes, beckons Pasqualino and his buddy. These are only to be seen, not really described.

Whether or not you have enjoyed Giannini before in Wertmuller films, you will be

skewered to your seat this time by a new superstar. Down-and-out of the universe, who never gives up, who survives, he out-Chaplin Chaplin, substituting a slightly different figure for the "little man" of the world, seedy, perspiring, even fresh from the shower. Detail is superb. The cast is overwhelming in support of every nuance of Giannini and Wertmuller. Shirley Stoler, as the Commandant, you won't forget.

The picture is of slightly cosmic proportions. It will bend and blow and twist your mind—and other parts—for sure. It's at the Sunset on U.S. 1 at Sunset.



David Vance, photo

OH! CALCUTTA! -- THE NUDE, EROTIC REVUE IS SET FOR AN INDEFINITE RUN AT THE COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE.

Entertainment

USA - Nice 'Bi' salute

R. E. STACK
Theatre Critic

It is now forty years since John Dos Passos completed his masterpiece trilogy, USA. It is now twenty years since Paul Shyre collaborated to cut and fit 1500 pages of novel into this two-hour show, now at the Players Repertory Theatre through April 25. (This reviewer seems to be specializing in "anniversary productions" 'round town.)

The show was rather favorably received in Broadway then; it seems to wear well—perhaps because of a group like the Players. Keynotes of their production are verve, elan, crispness of attack. Of course, the type of show demands something like this—or it's dead; still, the Players seem exceptionally good at this sort of business. On a very bare stage, the cast of seven step—even sit—smartly in and out of several shifting pools of light that give a nice sense of changing scene and mood. The characters, imagined and historical, are built in these kaleidoscopic flashes of lighted action and proclaimed news headlines.

USA is all about J. Ward Moorehouse. "J. Ward... Who?" you ask. J. Ward is here the quintessential modern America, the focus of thirty years attention, the imagination that sums up Dos Passos' America, 1900-1930.

The cast of seven "sing of America" through this tale of J. Ward and his "friends," sing of his climb on a shoestring to

angina pectoris. Dennis Creaghan, as J. Ward, begins the action at once with talk of land-wheeling-dealing; he seems just another red-blooded American boy—in our best tradition, in the



Ray K. Ford, photo

CREAGHAN, DILLON & NALL IN USA

make. Wendy Dillon is his first step up when she talks of an important "Daddy" back in Pittsburgh; Eric Avery is the first superior he replaces. Ed Lupinski becomes his disciple. Ruth Miller, Sarah Nall and William Hindman associate variously in the upward mobility over bodies of friends and competitor.

Throughout the show, the imaginary becomes very real with the help of the barrage of the oddities of newspaper headlines that pin the story to the passing years of war, recovery, depression and the reported doings of Wright Brothers, Eugene V. Debs, Henry Ford, Valentino, Isadora Duncan. Two high points, in fact, are Ruth Miller capsulizing the tragedy of Valentino and Sarah Nall, the antics of Duncan.

The play is enjoyable; the cast, uniformly good. Yet, Creaghan as J. Ward does leave something to be desired. J. Ward is blatant America to Dos Passos, is the play. Creaghan is just too "nice"—even deadpan, wooden. The staccato style of USA leaves little time for character development. Creaghan makes no use of time at all, plays it all straight, misses the play's most important chance at Dos Passos' subtlety, irony. Wendy Dillon, chameleon-like as usual, gets spontaneous applause for several of her quick-change characters.

With everything, USA is a nice "Bicentennial salute" for 1976.

★★★★ (Highest Rating).
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—Kathleen Carroll, N.Y. Daily News



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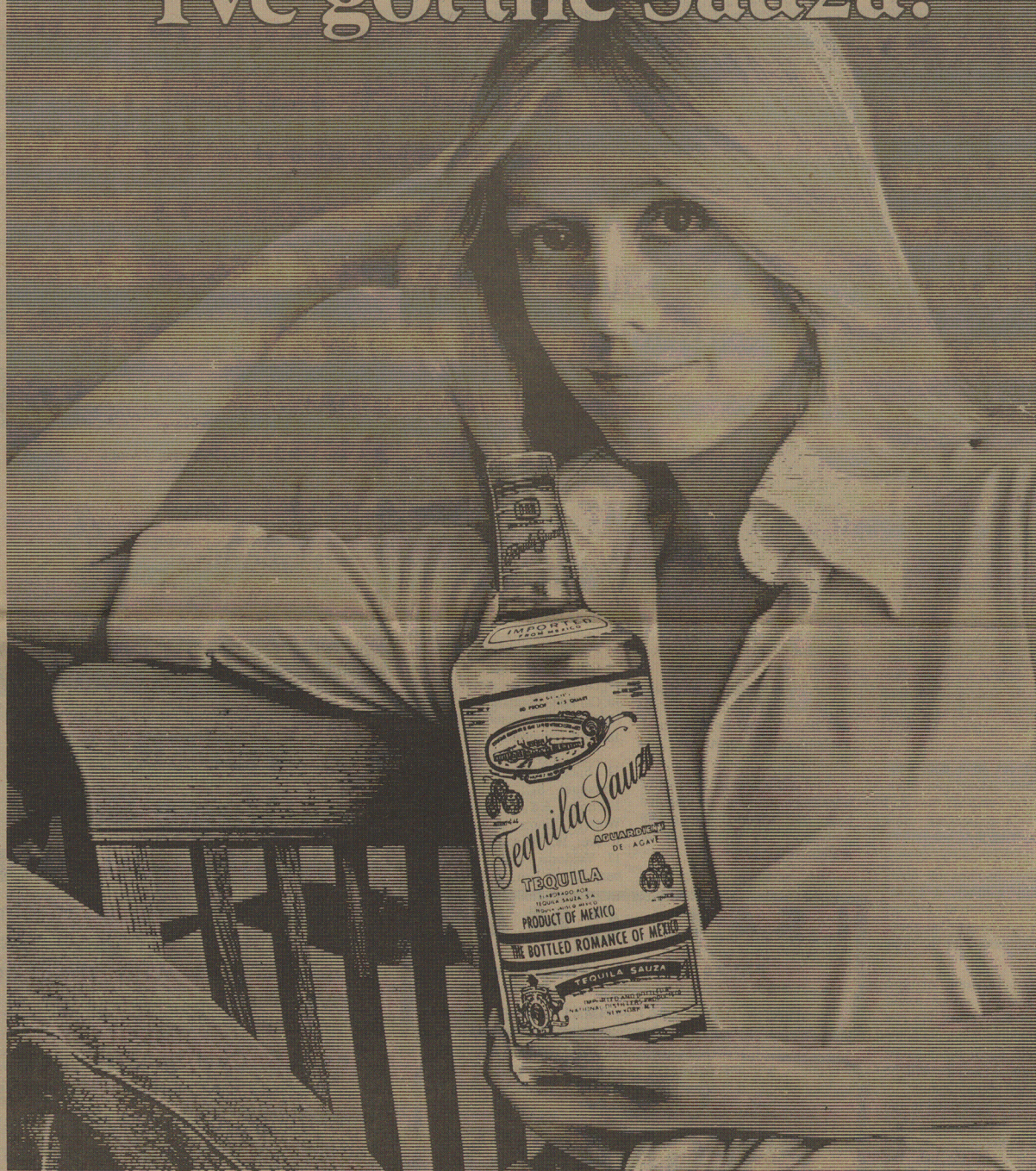
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SPORTS

J.M. Greenberg
Sports Editor

Baseball squad gaining reputation as hot hitters

FIU's baseball team is rapidly gaining the reputation as a hot hitting team. The last 10 teams who watched the Sunblazers score 87 runs while allowing just 17 will testify to that. The reputation is also justified by the team's lofty .325 batting average.

Leading the Sunblazers hit parade with 33 hits in 85 at bat for a whopping .420 average is highly touted second baseman, Bob DeCicco. DeCicco, who played high school ball at Cardinal Gibbons High and junior college ball at Broward Community, was recently picked as the Most Valuable Player in the second half of the First Annual Sunblazers' Twin Classics,

demonstrating adroit fielding skills, as well as batting talent.

Joe Sneed, the hard swinging third sacker, is second on the team with a .417 average. Sneed also leads the team in triples with 6, and hits, with 33.

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Sneed is perhaps the most versatile player on the team. Besides his batting skills, the business major possessed a "major league arm" one of the keys to his defensive prowess in right field. He now also plays third base again utilizing the power of his throwing arm, along with his other fielding skills.

Bob Aikens, a catcher and

designated hitter, is batting .393, for the third place spot on the team. Aikens is from the Baltimore area, and was a Junior College All-American football player before signing with the Sunblazers. Aikens is second on the team in home runs with four,

and second on the team in runs batted in, with 25.

The fourth leading hitter on the team is Nelson Rodriguez, with 30 hits in 77 at bat for a .390 average. Rodriguez, a senior from the Tampa area is the main long ball threat. Currently he leads the team in home runs, and in runs batted in, with 27.



AIKENS CONNECTS

Leonard Lang, photo

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 14	Men's Tennis vs. U. of Miami	Home 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 14	Baseball vs. U. of Miami	Home 3 p.m.
Friday, April 16	Baseball vs. U. of South Fla.	Home 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 17	Baseball vs. U. of South Fla.	Home 2 p.m.
Sunday, April 18	Baseball vs. Fla. Inst. Tech.—2 games	Home 1:30 p.m.
Monday, April 19	Baseball vs. Biscayne College	Home 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 20	Baseball vs. U. of Miami	Home 3 p.m.

SPORTS ETC. Seven weeks until arm wrestling tourney

J. M. GREENBERG

Flex your fore-arms and pump your biceps the First Annual FIU Arm Wrestling Tournament is in the planning stage, and will be getting under way in about seven weeks.

The particulars are still being worked out at this point, but you can expect the tournament to be held in the Rathskeller, hopefully in conjunction with a special beer deal, and band.

Parties interested can call J. M. Greenberg, at the Good Times Office, 552-2118 or 2119, or Bill Nuttall at 552-2756 for more information. As soon as definite dates and particulars are decided you will be notified in this column.

If you're out on a date and your boyfriend asks if you want to scrum, don't slap his face and tell him he's a pervert. He's talking about rugby.

Rugby is a fast paced non-stop action game, marked by high-speed bodily contact, a quasi-combination of football hitting, and soccer quickness. The game is not recommended for the faint of heart.

Team spokesman Arnaud Cazalbou said the season would begin in mid-September and run through May. There are plans for a pre-season tournament to be held in June. Practices will be twice a week and Cazalbou is seeking anyone interested in the fast-paced sport, be they previously experienced or not. Contact Cazalbou through the Good Times Sports Departments, 552-2118.

The Lacrosse Club closed out its successful season in the same exciting fashion as it began. The Sunblazers eeked out a 21-19 double-overtime victory, beating the University of Florida.

Gus Smertgis, the teams leading scorer, finished the game with eight goals and one assist, again leading the offensive attack. The victory left the club with a 9-5 record for the season, and a second place finish in their league.

Congratulations to Mark Gonzalez, a physical education major, who has just returned

from Ohio University, where he was competing in the National Collegiate Powerlifting Tournament.

Gonzalez, squat, with 540 lbs., benchpressed 340 lbs. and deadlifted 585 lbs. His total lift of 1465 lbs. was good enough for a third place finish in the 198 lb. class. Gonzalez finished fourth a year ago.

The Dade Counth Athletic Program and the Physical Therapy Program will present a morning workshop on sports medicine from 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, April 16, in UH 150.

Dr. Peter S. Stokley will speak on "Sports Trauma to the Face and Hands," and Dr. Warren J. Lieberman will speak on "Eye Injuries."

This is the first in a series of workshops planned to involve both the athletic and medical professions on the subject of athletic injuries.

The workshop is open to

trainers, coaches, physical therapists and interested persons without charge.

Here are the national Division II baseball standings, according to Collegiate Baseball, the official publication of the American Assn. of College Baseball Coaches.

DIVISION II—NCAA

1. Rollins (tie)	469
Florida Southern (tie)	469

3. Delta State	465
4. U. of San Diego	464
5. Florida International	460
6. Calif., Northridge	456
7. Cal Poly-SLO	450
8. Cal Poly-Pomona	449
9. Southeast Louisiana	442
10. Calif., Riverside	441

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