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"Late" payments confuse vets

JANET SNEIDER
Staff Writer

Many Florida International University Veterans are confused as to why they did not receive payment for the break period between quarters.

According to Dr. Max J. Volcansek, Interim Director of Student Affairs, the Veterans Administration (VA) Adjudication Officer in St. Pete has the authority to determine if payment for the break period between quarters will be paid in advance.

It appears many vets did not receive their entire monthly

check for December. Volcansek explained that the VA has no way of knowing if the Vet is going to continue going to school.

Cindy Price, Veterans Benefit Counselor in St. Pete, pointed out that the reason some Vets did not receive the full amount for December is they are paid on a quarterly basis. This means they only get benefits for the time they are in school.

"Whether a student gets paid how the Veteran is enrolled in school—on a quarterly or nine month basis," Price said.

"In order for the student to get the money for the break period,

he must re-enroll with the VA office on campus for the following quarter whereupon the student is to prevent payment for the break," Price stated.

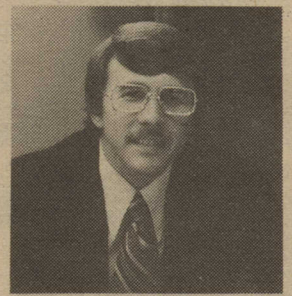
According to Price, every Vet receives an Award Letter at the beginning of each enrollment period stating that 'you have been awarded monthly benefits as follows', then listing the amount of payment and the beginning and ending dates the Vet is to receive the benefits.

Price advises Vets to pay attention to this Award Letter. "It is important that the Vet who is on a quarterly basis tell the

school they are enrolling the following quarter so the school can send the papers of enrollment whereupon the VA sends the checks."

Volcansek explained that a Vet who is a new or transfer student must wait four to six weeks to receive his first check. If you are a continuing student, you should receive your check immediately.

"Pre-registering helps insure that the checks will come in an uninterrupted fashion," Volcansek continued, "If the certification card is not turned in by the second week of classes,"



MAX VOLCANSEK
Interim Director of Stu Affairs
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the Vet's registration is cancelled, whereby their checks are stopped.

Volcansek stressed that any Vet who has a change of status in any way—marriage, birth, or death—should immediately notify the VA clerk in PC 240.

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TWYMAN'S TATTOO TRAVELS

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Staff Writer

Terry Twyman's original play, "Tattoo", won the Florida division of the American College Theatre Festival, and will compete in the regional competition next month.

Twyman, who wrote and directed the play during its recent run at FIU, feels that the play won because "the cast and crew of "Tattoo" worked harder and were more together than their competitors." Twyman says that he emphasizes togetherness in his theatre classes at FIU.

Twyman pointed out, "A performer is concerned with his ego, an actor is a technician."

Twyman says FIU's drama students come out of the program with "street savvy." "We do not have a pink wooly blanket, family-like atmosphere. Students come out of this program prepared to go out on the street. The training they receive here does not give them a false sense of security, it's only a tip of the

iceberg. Students learn to survive, everybody tries hard."

Twyman said that the play which will be seen at the Theatre Festival is not exactly the same as the play FIU students saw in November. He said that he has made some revisions, adding, "the philosophy of the play hasn't changed...the play has grown."

He added that in Gainesville the crew used 16 of the 20 allotted hours to set up and light "Tattoo." At the regionals, in Winston-Salem, N.C., Feb. 17-21 only four hours are allotted for this task. The set will have to be simplified.

Drama Department Chairman Phillip Giberson is directing the play. H. Paul Mazer is responsible for set design and lighting. Joy Mrkvicka designed the costumes. FIU students in the production are Don Harthcock, Margie Thoma, Alfredo Alvarez Calderon, John S. Brown, and Domenick Zecchino.

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'TATTOO'

Split VA offices annoy vets

JANET SNEIDER
Staff Writer

Many Veterans attending Florida International University are troubled by the inconvenience of having two separate Veterans Administration (VA) offices.

There are two offices that are available to give V.A. assistance—UH 340 and PC 240.

The Office of Veterans' Programs and Services, located in UH 340, is designed to help the Veteran with fee deferments, tutoring, V.A. forms, general information or assistance and career planning and placement.

Dr. Max J. Volcansek, Interim Director of Student Affairs, stated, "We are the focal point for all Veterans so they can be referred for assistance regarding their particular problem."

Volcansek explained the importance of getting through to the Veteran and making him aware of what his responsibilities are. "They shouldn't overlook how important it is to stay in touch with the V.A. offices on campus."

According to Volcansek, V.A. regulations state that new Veteran students should give the office their address in case the Veteran needs to be contacted.

Because of lack of space and money, the V.A. clerk, V.A. Government Representative and the Veterans' files can be found in the Office of Registration and Records—PC240.

This office services Veterans with regard to pay problems, direct V.A. liaison with the Regional Office in St. Petersburg, and local V.A. records.

The VA clerk has quite a job according to Volcansek. Technically, the V.A. clerk's job is to be spent part-time on V.A. matters and part-time on registration and records. However, she devotes most, if not all, of her time to the V.A.

The V.A. clerk:

has ready access to academic records of each Veteran.

—is concerned with certification of the Veterans attendance.

—is concerned with the academic standards compliance. This involved reporting to the V.A. when a Veteran doesn't make his grades.

—is responsible for the monitoring of attendance and the monitoring of academic progress as required by V.A. regulations.

Sharing the office with the V.A. clerk is the V.A. Government Representative.

The V.A. representative is concerned primarily with pay problems and whether or not the Veteran is meeting V.A. requirements.

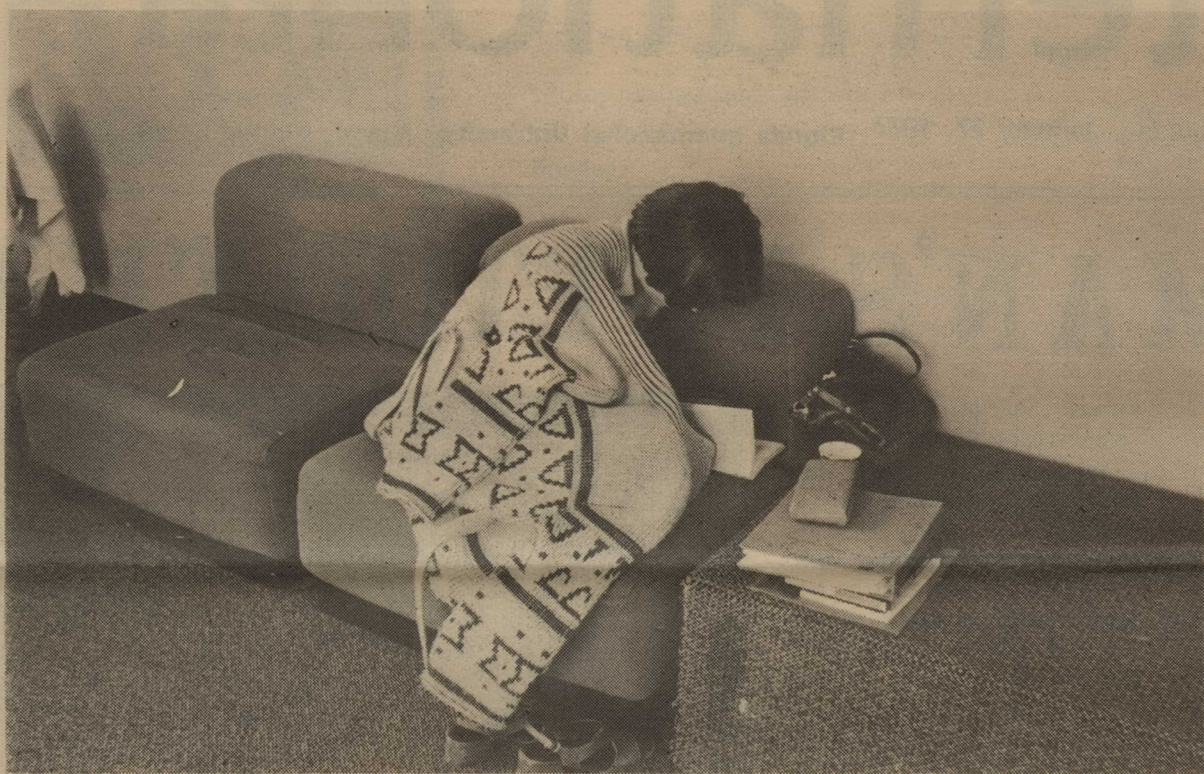
Volcansek recommends consolidation of the two offices. "The reason it hasn't been done is because of a space and money problem."

"Here in UH 340 there is no space for desks for either the V.A. representative of the V.A. clerk, nor is there space for a file cabinet."

Another problem facing the consolidation of the V.A. offices is whether it would be more of a Student Service or a Registration and Records function.



Cold Weather Fashions



Construction At FIU

LES PETERSON
Staff Writer

The digging and bulldozing around will soon be complete.

By April construction on a gate house and several picnic huts in the new parking lots adjacent to the UH building should be finished.

Students are now using the new parking facility but by April the lot should be divided into parking for visitors, (82 spaces) the physically handicapped—permanent and temporary, (19 spaces) and 70 spaces for decal parking.

Lighting for the parking lot and adjoining sidewalks will be finished within 3 to 5 weeks.

In case you haven't noticed a new building is being constructed north of the UH Building. Landscaping including sidewalks, lights, trees (10 varieties), sod and various ground cover should be completed by mid February.

Responsible for these and other undertakings such as the building of tower parking lot and



the trees, lake, and roads surrounding it is Physical Plant.

Director of Physical Plant Donn Ashley states, "Plant is the largest division on campus with a

staff of 130 and a budget of nearly \$2,000,000. We're oriented towards maintenance, operation of utilities and keeping what we've got in good shape rather than build new things." However

Plant can and does construct buildings such as the tennis reservation center as long as the price tag doesn't exceed \$100,000.

Ashley stated, "Plant provides landscaping for

Tamiami Campus and while we occasionally come up with ideas of our own we more or less follow the master plan concerning it. We're trying to add color to beautify the campus at FIU."

Genetic transplant symposia topic

MARY GILMORE
Staff Writer

Genetic engineering brought FIU students and faculty together for the Ninth Miami Winter Symposia at the Sheraton Four Ambassadors, Jan. 10-14. The symposia was a platform for discussion on new scientific experiments involving gene transplants.

The controversial research, called "genetic engineering" or "recombinant DNA," involves the introduction of a gene from one species of organism into a completely unrelated species.

Sponsored by the University of Miami Department of Biochemistry and the Papanicolaou Cancer Research Institute, the symposia attracted some of the world's foremost genetic research scientists. It was the first large-scale meeting in the U.S. on the subject of gene transplants.

Dr. Paul Berg, Professor of Biochemistry at Stanford University and pioneer in the techniques of recombinant DNA research, was the principal speaker at the symposia.

In his publication, "Genetic Engineering: Challenge and Responsibility," Berg provides some background information on the experimentation. "Scientists have known for years that genes can be transferred between related organisms. That is the essence of the science of genetics. But the interchange of genes between unrelated organisms does not, as far as

anyone knows, occur in nature. Chromosomes contain the hereditary substance and are in the nucleus of every living cell. Several years ago it was established that DNA

(deoxyribonucleic acid) within the chromosomes of cells and some viruses is the repository of hereditary information."

The process requires the "cutting" of strands of DNA from an organism. These strands are then "stitched" into a piece of DNA from a different cell which is usually bacterial. The new system is connected by enzymes and set into laboratory bacteria where it grows and multiplies.

Others in the field say that the study of these properties will provide an untapped source of information about heredity and gene structure and establish a breakthrough in the fight against disease. It will also offer new possibilities in the fields of agriculture and industry.

Dr. Case Okubo, assistant professor, FIU Biology Department, attended the symposia and gives an example of the benefits of this research to medicine.

"Suppose an individual is suffering from diabetes, a disease characterized by deficient insulin. A gene from a person capable of producing insulin could be introduced into a

microorganism. If the microorganism is able to survive in the intestinal tract, the diabetic would be able to produce his own insulin and a cure would result."

Dr. Okubo described a possible benefit to the field of agriculture. "The introduction of a microorganism into plants that will enable these plants to fix atmospheric nitrogen would help fertilize the soil and place nitrogen into food chemicals that can be utilized by humans."

Opponents of genetic engineering are concerned about the unnaturalness of the system and fear that these experiments might expose the public to dangerous substances which could escape from laboratories. Even with strict guidelines, they fear there is still a slight chance that an "Andromeda" strain could be created and find its way into the environment. If this occurs, we would be dealing with new and untreatable diseases.

The National Institutes of Health has established a long list of guidelines for such experimentation. For example, all experiments must be conducted in a "contained" laboratory and experiments involving highly poisonous substances are prohibited.

Genetic research scientists agree that there are certain risks in this type of work but contend that the greater portion of their work is safe, and the NIH guidelines will insure extra safety measures. Certain experiments have already been

postponed because of their possible danger. They further explain that substances which may be released from laboratories will not be able to cope with the environment and will die out naturally with no danger to the public.

As Dr. Berg pointed out in his article, the greatest danger may be ignorance and therein lies the challenge and responsibility of the genetic research scientist.

FIU Student Brian Rogerson described the symposia as a fascinating experience. He was disappointed, however, in the FIU student turnout. According to Brian, only seven FIU students attended.

Brian also expressed disappointment in the final session of the symposia, "Social and Moral Implications of Recombinant DNA."

Brian said, "I expected quite a debate on the subject but actually it turned out to be a rather quiet encounter. No new information about the social and moral implications was revealed."

Need info? Call event line

BILL ASHTON
Feature Editor

Nanette Mary Bisher leads a double life. By day, she is a mild-mannered student, majoring in industrial technology. At night, she becomes the sultry voice of the FIU Event Line.

The Event Line (552-2177 off campus, extension 2177 on campus) is a recorded message which tells about all of the FIU-related events coming up. Every evening Bisher records the facts about the next day's films, lectures, meetings, concerts and other events.

Bisher enjoys being the Tokyo Rose of FIU, heard but never seen; so near, yet so far away. She spends part of each day roaming from building in search of tidbits that might interest FIU students. Usually there are enough events planned to fill up the two-minute tapes. But every once in a while a relatively event-free day comes up. Then Bisher gets to ad-lib.

"There was the day that a couple of friends came in to help me tape the event line message. The yearbook editor related the latest information on the yearbook. The Chair of the Social and Cultural Committee told how great that week's film was. And

at the end, we all applauded."

Bisher's reading of one recent day's events added up to less than a minute, no matter how she did it. She found a spanish speaking student and had him translate. The tape came out exactly two minutes long.

"And then there was the night," she said, "that I came in late, about 10:30 p.m. There was no one in the PC building, where I record the tapes.

Even the person who gives me the keys to the telephone had left for the evening. I walked all over for about 20 minutes just looking

for an open phone. I finally used the phone in the PC elevator."

I stood there talking to the guy from Campus Safety, telling him I had to get in and make my tape. Suddenly the doors opened and in walked about ten people whose class had just ended. They looked at me in a kind of strange way."

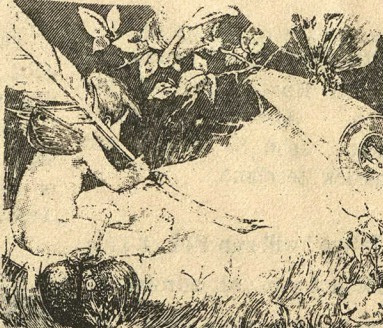
Equally strange, Bisher said, is that many of the people who plan events at FIU do not know about Event Line, or do not choose to take advantage of it. "There is a box in front of Room UH-212, at the right of the student organizations' boxes. Anyone can put the information on upcoming events in the box."

Valentine's Day dance

Attention all Romeos and Juliets. An International Valentines Dance will be held at UH 210 February 18th, sponsored by the International Students Association.

The affair, funded by SGA, will have such attractions as a contest awarding prizes for the best and worst looking men's legs.

Free beer and food will be available to everyone.



Lucy Aguilar, on behalf of the International Students Association invites students, staff and faculty as well as others in the community to attend.

The party will kick off at 9 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by a group from Bolivia.

Capital Punishment Discussed

ERIC M. PERLE
Staff Writer

The Philosophy and Religion Student Association will meet on Monday, Jan. 31 at 12:30 p.m. in

DM 194 where there will be a panel discussion on the subject of

Capital Punishment. The panelists include Professor

Richard Konkel and Professor Mario Yizcaino and Mr. Robert Friedman and Professor Bruce Hauptli.

Interested persons should bring their lunch and participate in the discussion.

The PRSA has its main focus on bringing influential speakers from all over the world to FIU. Topics will vary.

Dr. Ivan Supek of the Inter-University Center for Post-Graduate Studies in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia will present three talks which will be held February 13 through 18. The talks will feature subjects such as:

"Determinism and Freedom", "Principles of Humanism", and "The History of Science and the Theory of Knowledge".

Other programs in the near future will include Professor James Huchingson of FIU speaking about the life of Pierre Teilhard De Chardin, French Jesuit, anthropologist, and geologist. In late April, Professor Arturo Gaete of the University of Chile will present a three lecture seminar on the German

philosopher, Hegel, and sometime in May or June, Professor George Kovacs will give a lecture on Phenomenology, a study of the progressive development of the mind. Other tentative programs

will include three films from Oxford University which deal with several important issues such as "The Idea of Freedom",

"Language and Creativity", and "I'm Going to Tamper with Your Beliefs a Little".

A firm date for the future programs listed above can be obtained by calling the Philosophy and Religion Dept. on ext. 2185 or by dropping by DM 220.



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Spring Schedules Ready

All courses for the Spring quarter have been planned by the different departments and schools and are now being printed for distribution as class schedules, according to the registrar's office.

The schedules will be available one week before registration begins. Registration for the Spring quarter will be Feb. 7-18. The hours for registering are Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-8:00 pm and Fri. 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

There is also a late registration day: March 28. Anyone who is not a special student or new, will be charged a \$25 late fee after Feb. 18. Classes for the Spring begin March 29.

It is to the advantage of the student to register early during the regular registration period. Anyone wishing further information on registration may contact the registrar's office at 552-2361.

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Beginning this quarter, a new section in the library has been opened enabling students, staff and faculty to read new books coming in from the Cataloging Department.

The new book browsing area is located behind the stairwell on the first floor of the library. The books will remain there for about a week giving everyone the opportunity to browse through new additions to the collection, before going back in the General Collection on the second floor.

For your convenience, lounge chairs have been placed in this area so feel free to come browse as you please.

High school students attend FIU courses

RICHARD DUEMMING
Staff Writer

Dade County high school students with exceptional talent in mathematics are currently attending FIU under the "Deep Accelerated Mathematics Program."

Dr. Willie E. Williams, associate professor of mathematical sciences, is the director of DAMP. "There are about 25 students in the program. They attend FIU in three different sessions. Each session meets for two hours each week," Williams said.

These students are found by the Dade County Public School system. They are tested in the eighth grade and if they prove to be exceptional in mathematics they are placed in the program.

They start off their high school sophomore year with calculus and computer problem-solving. As juniors they go on to

advanced calculus and linear algebra. By the time they are seniors they are studying abstract algebra, according to Williams.

"These kids have done some magnificent things on the computer," Williams pointed out. "I've been teaching them calculus and computer problem-solving in the university's computer center. By using our facilities they are able to solve problems that could not be solved in a high school classroom."

DAMP was established in 1972 by Dr. Robert Fisher, associate vice president for academic affairs. Fisher was then chairman of the department of mathematical sciences.

The program is a cooperative one between Dade County Public Schools and FIU. Williams said that a few scholarships are available to students on a need basis.

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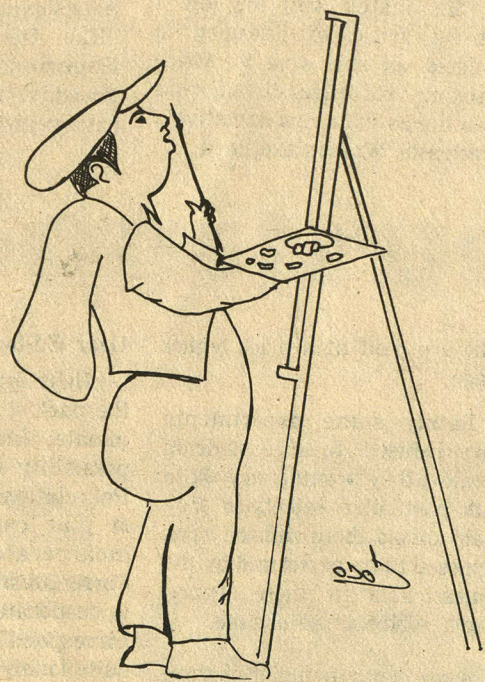
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Art grads exhibit work



MARY LOU MAULSBY
Staff Writer

Three graduates of FIU's Fine Arts Department are exhibiting their work at the Hollywood Art and Culture Center through Jan. 30.

Fine arts Chairman Jim Couper said, "These three artists have established themselves as serious, practicing professionals since completing their studies at FIU."

A large, enthusiastic crowd attended the opening night preview of paintings by Betty Fleisher, wood works and ceramics by Allen Diaz and

fiberglass sculptures by Val Carroll.

Betty Fleisher feels, "We all move about in a world filled with contradictions and these opposing forces are the essence of my paintings where soft plays against hard; movement pushes against rigidity; and color vibrates off a neutral ground, making a visual statement about reality."

Allen Diaz explains, "There are basically two ways of looking at wood. One way is to deal with it as a material to make things of; the other is to discover the

language of wood. Its language varies with each kind of wood. No two trees are identical and each has its own structure, pattern, texture, line, color, intensity and rhythm. With each discovery a personal relationship and dialogue develops. My intent is to express and communicate the process I have chosen to explore and understand the nature of wood—lamination. Please do touch!"

Val Carroll said, "I have long felt a need to laugh in a museum."

Exhibited items may be purchased at the center, 1301 S. Ocean Dr., Hollywood.

Job Openings

Campus Interviews
Feb. 1: City of Hialeah (Acct. & Safety Majors) Price Waterhouse (Acct. Majors)
Feb. 1 & 2: Electronic Data Systems Corp. (Math, Bus. Comp. Sci. Majors)
Feb. 4: Caterpillar Tractor Co. (Comp. Sci., Economics, Mktg. Grad. Bus. Tech.)
Feb. 7: Fla. Dept. of Trans. (Civil Eng. Majors)
Jackson Memorial Hosp. (RN's).

Career Opportunities

Part Time
Research worker in library, flexible hours, salary open, require typing. Summer job with Federal Govt. for all degree seeking students, see specifications in Federal Announcement booklet.

Full Time
Sales & Marketing manager for local firm, any major, must be dynamic and ambitious, salary based on commissions, possible earnings of \$50,000 in 5 years.
Community Mental Health Center seeking Social Worker, \$13,000 year.
Programmer for Data Processing Division of large engineering firm, salary commensurate with background and experience.
Shoe store seeking Bookkeeper with two years experience, \$160 \$180 wk. 9-5.

Stop by Career Planning and Placement, UH 20 for details, information or interview appointments.

The City of Miami is now accepting applications for 16 openings for the position of research assistant for its new Citizen Response Center.

The Citizen Response Center, opening Monday (Jan. 17), at 213 SE 1st Ave., is federally funded by the manpower program. Research assistants, who should be eighteen to twenty-one years old, hold a high school diploma, live within the City of Miami limits and be unemployed for at least one week, are needed to canvass the community with a Citizen questionnaire. Bilingualism is helpful. For further information contact Citizen Response Center Program Manager Cathy Leff, 374 4155, ext. 901.

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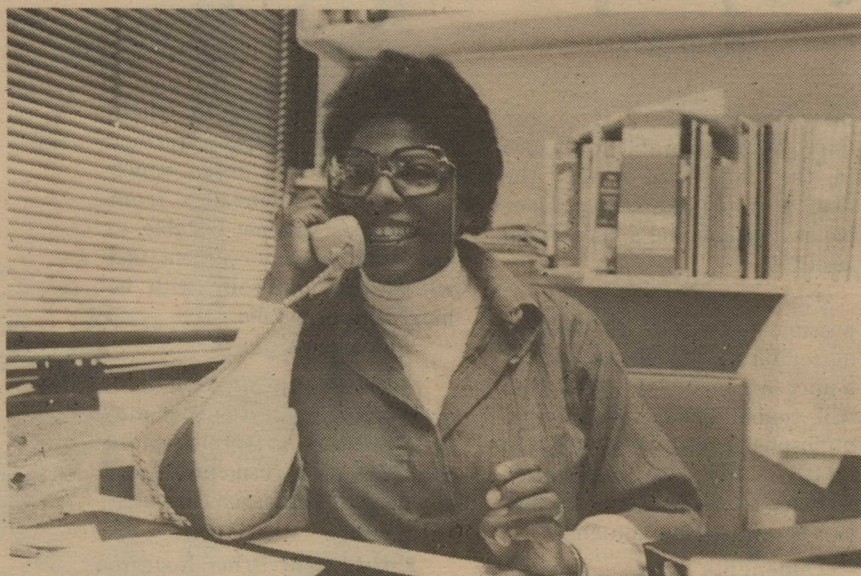
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ROSE has Roots

ELMIRE NICOLEAU
Staff Writer

Professor Rose T. Watson is teaching "Roots," a multi-media course based on the book by Alex Haley about his search for his family's genealogical origin.

Mrs. Watson is highly enthusiastic about the teaching and learning possibilities of this multi-media course based on Alex Haley's book *Roots*, in which he searches for his family's genealogical origin.

Professor Watson has an extensive background in African and International affairs, both in terms of her academic background as well as her professional experiences.

Her undergraduate education was completed at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, one of the oldest Black institutions of higher learning in the country.

Her graduate training was taken at the University of Lisbon, where she studied the Portuguese language and culture, and at Columbia University where she specialized in Comparative and International Education and African Studies.

She has lectured and travelled extensively in this country, in Africa, and in the Caribbean.

Mrs. Watson was born in the state of Virginia, near Spotsylvania County where Kunta Kinte and Bell were married in the present *Roots* series, but has lived in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and New York as well as Portugal and Angola.

She stated that she felt a strong sense of belonging in Angola as she went to Africa seeking "rootedness". "Africans saw me as their representative", Professor Watson explained.

"They seemed inspired by my presence; the whole African experience was a terrific one for me. I feel that I received as much as I gave".

Mrs. Watson further explained that she has been interested in building a family tree for a long time without much success. Now there are many more tools with which to work because of the research done by Mr. Haley, whom both she and her husband have met personally.

"We met him in 1968 at the University of Pittsburgh when he was in the early stages of his research. He wrote us at various times while on the high seas somewhere between Gambia and New York".

"We all need 'rootedness'," explained Mrs. Watson. "This is so very important in terms of establishing one's self-identity. The *Roots* project will play a major role in portraying to the American people the authentic history of the sojourn of the Black man in America.

"It will help Black people, all people, to have a clearer understanding of themselves and in clearing up misconceptions within our American context."

The first Seminar, which was held on Saturday, Jan. 22, she indicated, was both rewarding and exciting as she and the students, only two of whom were black, focused upon the philosophic base of the course, "The Universality of Human Experiences". Since last Tuesday, more black students have registered.

Education is SACRED COW

SCOTT W. DIXLER
Contributor

One of the most sacred of the Holy Cows of the Welfare State is public education. To attack it is like bringing a case against motherhood and apple pie.

But in the light of the present unrest in our public schools (e.g. the Boston busing and West Virginia textbook battles), it might be well to examine some of the premises of our school system.

Today's public schools are the epitome of stagnation and conflict—the inevitable result of a system based on force. Strikes by teachers and confrontations over forced busing are commonplace.

PARENTS generally oppose busing, but forget that they also vote to force others to pay for their children's education and to force all children to go to the schools. Indeed, it is interesting that many parents condone this compulsion but then revolt against comparatively minor questions of forced busing or the use of questionable textbooks.

How can they conceivably favor the potential use of physical force against students who do not wish to attend the public schools, while at the same time believing it is wrong to bus students for the purpose of achieving a racial balance?

This is undoubtedly a double standard of the most flagrant order.

Most people do not even stop to think that there is an alternative to the present state-run compulsory system.

THEY BELIEVE that without a "free" education system based on coercion, the result would be some kind of new Dark Age, with the nation sinking into ignorance, crime and violence.

The assumption is that people would not continue to desire an education or, that they do not know what is good for them so they must be forced to do what government bureaucrats deem "in the public interest."

It is surprising that those who believe that people do not know how to run their own affairs also believe that people are at the same time competent enough to elect officials who do know what is best for them!

To assume that the educational system, if left to the free market, would degenerate or be of inferior quality, is to also hold that without public garbage disposal, people would leave their garbage lying around the streets!

WHAT KIND of educational environment would exist if financial support of it were not compulsory and if students were not forced to attend? In considering this question it might be interesting to note what relative freedom has done to provide Americans with the highest standard of living in the world.

Americans choose from an assortment of automobiles, food, entertainment, etc., that people a hundred years ago would have thought impossible.

Television, cars and modern communication networks came into existence, not because of, but in spite of government in-

tervention in the market. It would be illogical to assume that freedom in education would have produced anything in any way similar to today's poorly-run state monopoly system.

What must be done first is to give people freedom of choice. They should not be forced to "pay twice" (taxes on top of tuition) if they want to send their children to private schools. This could be accomplished in the form of a tax deduction for the amount spent on private school tuition.

UNDOUBTEDLY there would be an explosive and enthusiastic growth in the number of private

Mrs. Watson closed by saying that she owes much to her husband who offers her great support, inspiration, and encouragement and to their four children who are seeking their places in our world today.

She feels that she also owes much to her parents who taught her of her African heritage when she was a child.

might be achieved with freedom in education, for there is nothing more productive or more innovative than a free society. The "mainspring of human progress" has always been freedom, not state force.

letters

To the Editor:

Slavery might have ended in the last century when Abe Lincoln put an end to it, but unfortunately at F.I.U. some students have reported to be treated in such a way that would make good old Abe turn in his grave.

It was brought to my attention by several students in the college work study program that they have been mistreated, abused and demanded to perform tasks not supposed to be performed by student assistants.

It is my impression that college work study students are basically assistants that do not necessarily require the same skills of a career service employee, a faculty member or any professional persons. The word assistant describes best the job that they are hired to perform.

Many departments are misinformed as to the status of the C.W.S. students and I find that many student assistants are being utilized to do the work required of fulltime employees

who are paid at a much higher wage.

Lately some departments have refused to hire students because they wanted only those with particular talents so they could unload them with the work supposed to be performed by the professionals in those departments, which is an outrage.

Some departments think their student assistants are regular house maids or waiters since they are asking them to do such humiliating tasks such as sending them out for such personal errands as getting lunch items for them at the cafeteria. This is asked of them but they are not given such mental privileges as making a phone call.

The administrators should take heed of this demanding problem at F.I.U. and try to put an end to it. If Abe Lincoln put an end to slavery so can we at F.I.U.

Maricel Mayor, Associate
Chairperson
Student Government Association

Dear Editor:

There is much interest here on the part of myself and a fellow inmate, Lovon Ponder, in the possibility of establishing a Pen Pal relationship with the students of your campus. We are both incarcerated at Sumter Correctional Institution, and are in desperate need of someone to correspond with, as it becomes quite lonely here at times.

It is our hope that you will assist us in our search for a meaningful friendship by making our intentions known to the student body by way of your campus newspaper and/or bulletin boards and dormitories.

Sincerely,
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Budget may drop

FIU stands a chance of losing part of its 1976-77 budget as a result of the decline in enrollment for the Fall '76 term.

The state Board of Regents requested the University to hold 1.5 per cent of its budget in reserve pending further information, last July.

Enrollment in the State University System for the Fall '76 term was 3.3 per cent below the '75 Fall term. This is the first enrollment decline since 1954.

FIU showed a drop in enrollment for the Fall '76 term. "The Winter term is generally based upon the Fall enrollment. We have no final figures for the Winter term yet," said Barry Greenberg, Associate Director of Institutional Research.

A significant enrollment increase during the Winter and Spring quarters would allow the BOR budget officials to authorize additional expenditures for the rest of the '76-'77 school year.

Solar study viewed

MARILYN MARTYNIAK
Staff Writer

The School of Technology hopes to become actively involved in a project near FIU's North Miami Campus, where a Federal Solar Energy Research Facility has been proposed.

According to Dr. Rene Leonard, professor of mechanical engineering, the solar energy research facility would be located near the North Campus. Dade County's bid will be backed by an offer submitted by the state of Florida which has agreed to turn over its 316 acres of the old Interama site to the federal government.

Another possible site being considered for this facility is near Cape Canaveral in Brevard County.

Raymond Fields, assistant director of the division of solar energy for the Energy Research Development Administration, headed a six-member ERDA team on a two-day inspection of the proposed site at North Campus.

As planned, 16 universities would participate in this project, which would be known as the National Energy Research Consortium.

The ERDA said the competition among the universities has become intense with the proposed institution. Proposals are being kept secret to prevent applicants from benefitting through knowledge of recommendations that are being made elsewhere.

FIU Interama library prepares to open

TONY PINO
Staff Writer

The North Campus library will soon be opening to serve the needs of FIU's students, faculty and staff.

Handsomely furnished and carpeted, the new library will initially occupy approximately one-half of the converted Interama Trade Center building. Present plans call for gradual expansion into the entire building.

According to Howard Cordell, director of FIU's library, the North Campus library will offer only reserve book service during the approaching spring term. Complete library services will be available at the opening of the summer term.

The North Campus card catalogs will initially register 650 titles and 20,000 books, compared with the Tamiami library's current holdings of 3,000 titles and 240,000 books.

Since books and other materials will be limited upon opening, Cordell plans to use a microfilm and shuttle system to tap the resources of the main library.

Contents of the card catalogs in the main library will be micro-filmed and added to the North Campus catalogs. Persons at the North Campus can then request books and materials from the main library. A shuttle system will daily transfer available books and materials.

Cordell said that limited funding will hinder the growth potential of the new library. The state is initially allocating a budget of \$200,000 yearly, less than half the main library's present allotment.

Cordell added that building a library from scratch is a difficult project and said that it takes "at least 20 years before a library can become a true university library."

Antonie (Toni) Baker, assistant director of FIU's library, will head the North Campus library.

RUSTY SEVIGNY
Staff Writer

Hidden away in a small, dark room in Primera Casa, performing a function vital to the life of FIU, are the switchboard operators.

Edith Sontag is supervisor of the seven operators for the University's Centrex system. The switchboard is open seven days a week, from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m., at which time incoming calls are automatically referred to the Campus Police Department.

Incoming calls range from questions about activities on campus to "Is it raining out?" Of course, the operators don't know the answer to questions concerning the weather because there are no windows in the telephone operations room.

This time of year the switchboard is swamped with calls about the Youth Fair. Many persons believing that Youth Fair activities are somehow connected with FIU call to ask for entry applications, fair dates, or information about other events at the Youth Fair site.

Sontag said that calls come in from people speaking many different languages, including German, French, Dutch, and Sanscrit. These calls are transferred to the Language department. "Due to the fact that we have such a good language department, we don't have bilingual operators," she added.

How are angry or impatient

callers handled? Sontag, a telephone operator for 22 years, explained, "We keep a smile in our voice. Our phones are a service to the public."

The operators serve the campus community in other ways. They conduct the "beeper" service which alerts maintenance or physical plant personnel to any problems on campus. They also are connected to an information phone in the lobby of PC, and to the night phone on the outside of the building.

One difficulty the operators have is keeping up-to-date information on campus activities and room rentals by groups from

outside FIU. "We just never have enough information," Sontag said. "We use the 'seek and ye shall find' method, but we don't always find. This is especially difficult at night and on weekends."

Between phone calls, the operators stay busy updating the massive roster of FIU employees, faculty, and departments. They work long hours to keep communication flowing both on campus, and between campus and community.

FIU operators serve not only the Tamiami Campus, but also the new North Miami Campus. In the telephone operations room, there is a phone especially for North Campus calls.

Operators are a vital link

Leonard Lang photo—Elan



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Play: Travels

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FIU students in the production are Don Harthcock, Margie Thoma, Alfredo Alvarez Calderon, John S. Brown, and Domenick Zecchino.

"Tattoo" will run Feb. 8-13 in VH 100 at 8 p.m. All admissions will be used to help defray the cost of taking the production on tour to the Theater Festival in Winston-Salem. For reservations call 552-2895 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Twyman believes this is a good year for talent in FIU's drama department. After "Tattoo" there will possibly be some student-directed one-acts or mime by a talented Israeli, Jacov Noy.



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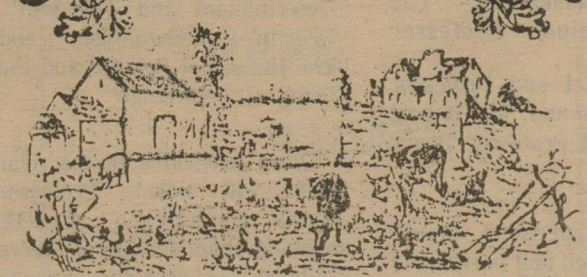
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JOHN EWALD
Sports Editor

Ted Williams, the greatest hitter in baseball history, is coming to FIU. The former Boston Red Sox star and Hall of Famer will speak at FIU's first Baseball Coaches Clinic on Saturday, Feb. 12. Baseball's best hitter will lecture on how to hit a baseball. That's like listening to Albert Einstein on how to think, Barbra Streisand on how to sing, "Mighty" Frank Cortazar on how not to legate, Joe "Bowser" Moussa on how not to lift weights or do anything else right, or Tom "The Doctor" Ellis on how to lose a swimming race to Mark Spitz. Theodore Samuel should be a great guest and anyone wishing to learn something about "The Science of Hitting" that day should call 552-2600...

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Linda Miskovic, an 18 letter-woman at Western Illinois University, has been added to FIU's Athletic Staff. The 28-year-old star athlete will have both administrative and coaching duties, working in academic advisement and recreational planning. She will also be assigned to coach at a later date.

At Western Illinois, Linda starred in five sports--field hockey, badminton, bowling, volleyball, and golf. "That was back before all the scholarships came along for women athletes, and they didn't mind so much if we competed in everything," said Ms. Miskovic. "It was a lot of fun that way. Women athletes are more specialized now."

Linda coached for four years at Lourdes High School in Chicago where her teams won city championships in three sports and founded a city flag football league. She is a welcome addition to the Sunblazer sports scene...



A free baseball clinic is scheduled for this Sunday evening, Jan. 30, at Miami-Dade South's Gibson Health Center, from 5-8 p.m. Several area coaches, including FIU's Head Baseball Coach, Tom Wonderling, will give presentations...

Former FIU Soccer great, Marcos Blanco, recently returned from a visit to his native country, Chile, where he dazzled the fans with his tremendous play. Marcos, who starred in the first soccer game in FIU history, now plays for a top local team. definitely a tribute to this "International" university's sports story, Marcos plays soccer like Pele...

★★★★

The FIU Lacrosse Club stunned the University of Miami the other day in a rout, 11-1. It was the Sunblazers first victory over the Hurricanes in Lacrosse in over two years. Kevin Rielly

and Roy Kelly each scored four goals for the Sunblazers. Gus Semertgis added one goal and four assists in the win...

The FIU basketball courts and even the "Tin Gym" are available to FIU students and their friends! On weekends the courts have been filled with cagers playing titanic games filled with fun and laughter. Particular standouts in recent weeks have been Frank Cortazar (a legend at destroying defenders on his way to the hoop. Corta dominates play on occasion when his Sam Jones' specials swish through the net.), Tom "The Mighty Doc" Ellis (a former Kansas U. legend who has a spectacular all-around game but little or no luck with the legendary Maria), Joe "Bowser" Moussa (who demonstrates that all-out hustle and determination still don't always pay off and a guy who seems to be Ralph Branca at the "7"), and Alfredo "Charles Atlas" Suarez (the kind of guy you don't ever want to get mad at you and who seems to score whenever he wishes when a bum by the name of T. Geese is covering him)...

★★★★

The Sunblazer Golf Team won the Quadrangle College Golf Tournament last week at the Fountainbleau and Country Club of Miami-West courses. Allen Kappler led the FIU men golfers to an impressive five stroke victory over the University of Miami, Florida Atlantic and

Biscayne College. Coach Bobby Shave's team has won three tourneys this season so far...

★★★★

You've seen the television commercial where former all-pro linebacker, Dick Butkus kids around with a rugby player in a bar. If you think you might be interested in the sport of rugby a course starting tonight at 7 p.m. on the FIU rugby field (adjacent to the FIU tennis courts) may be just for you. Interested students will meet with Trident Rugby Club officials, John Healy and William Potter, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. through March 31. Healy and Potter are New Zealanders with many years of experience in this very rough sport. They will have something to offer everyone interested, including players, referees, coaches and newcomers to rugby. The course will cover basic skills and rules to practical experience in strategy and tactics. The fee for the rugby course is \$15. For further in-



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There will be a meeting of the FIU American Marketing Association today, Thursday at 12:30 in UH 315. This, the first meeting of the year and the club be new members. Students interested in joining should attend the meeting for more information.

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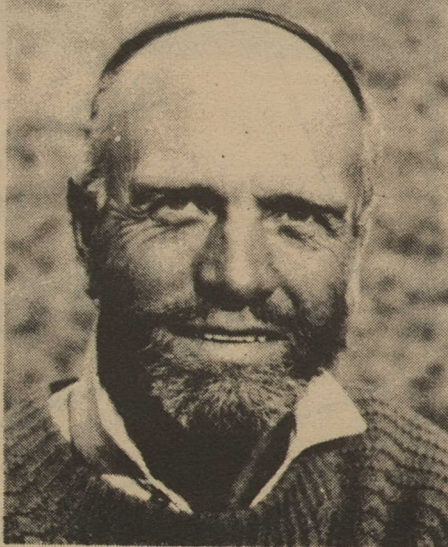
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Dolf Waldmeier

DIAL 2177

EVENT LINE

Dolf Waldmeier, leader of many expeditions to the Swiss Alps, will give a multi-media presentation in room UH-140 at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, January 28 and on Monday, Jan. 31.



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