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VA changes explained

VINCE PARIS

Staff Writer

There should be no delay in veterans receiving educational benefits in the Fall Quarter according to John F. Elder, Veterans' Benefits Counselor for FIU.

Elder said, "As long as a veteran pre-registers for the Fall Quarter there should be no problem in receiving payments."

Elder said that information pertaining to certifications termination at the end of Summer Quarter has been changed and that veterans would not be terminated if pre-registered. This certification would be good for one academic year.

Due to the large number of overpayments to

veterans, the advanced payment policy has been eliminated, effective June 1, 1977.

The Veterans Administration feels that paying a vet at the end of the month gives the institution a chance to clear the records of enrollment status. Elder said that advanced payments will be given only if the institution has a full calendar month break between quarters; this eliminates FIU.

According to Robert J. Jones of Veterans Programs and Services, Division of Student Services, veterans will be entitled to only one deferment per academic year but added that the institution can issue a subsequent deferment if there is valid reason.

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Student Awards ceremony set for June 9

The second annual FIU Awards Ceremony, co-sponsored by the SGA Social and Cultural Committee and Student activities, will be on Thursday, June 9 at 8 p.m. The ceremony, in AT-100, is designed to honor FIU students and their achievements.

Most of the academic departments are honoring students for outstanding

scholarship. The School of Technology, for example, will be awarding the Benjamin Franklin Award for excellence in communications technology.

The Student Government Association will present many awards, including one honoring the outstanding Senator. The Division of Student Services will present



the Richard L. Estadt Award for the outstanding career cooperative education student.

Other awards will include the outstanding administrator of FIU, the alumni honor list, the FIU Women's outstanding student award, and special International awards.

Immediately after the awards ceremony, the FIU Chamber Singers will sing accompanied by the Jazz En-

semble of the Music Department. Afterward, there will be a wine reception in the foyer of the library, sponsored by the SGA.

The annual event is open to all students, their families, and their friends. Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver, Director of Student Activities, said that this is an important event to honor outstanding students and their achievements.

Plan in legislature

Campus film censorship coming?

JERRY SILVERBERG
and
RUSTY SEVIGNY

The Florida Legislature is considering a bill which would set up film censorship committees on all nine state university campuses. Representative Ed Fortune would make film censorship mandatory. This would include any film shown by a student government organization, in classrooms, or in class meetings.

When sent to the Senate, a substitute amendment was proposed by Senator Robert Graham (D-Dade) which would make censorship committees voluntary. This amendment was passed by the Senate unanimously, but was rejected by the House. Sen. Graham compromised and was involved in rewriting the amendment which makes censorship committees mandatory. Graham said he feels the measure is unconstitutional. "It was an unfortu-

nate legislative overreaction to the incident," he said. "The incident should have been handled only at the institution at which it occurred, and

The state will be the laughing stock of the academic world if these committees are set up.

should not be a legislative mandate."

Rep. William Sadowski (D-Dade) agreed with Graham. He said, "This amendment deals with basic rights. This sort of issue should be left up to the individual university."

The controversy began when a Mass Communications professor at the University of West Florida in Pensacola showed a 45-minute excerpt of the film "Deep Throat" to one of his classes. The class was to view the film and make a report as to whether the film is obscene under Florida statutes.

According to the professor, Dr. Churchill Roberts, the class was warned that they might find the film objectionable, and were not

that his office had no previous knowledge that the film was to be shown, and refused to name the person who filed the complaint "We concluded

Dr. Churchill Roberts

required to view it.

Dr. Roberts said some students chose not to view the film. One of the students who decided to stay was Felicia Ann Smith, daughter of Rep. Fortune and daughter-in-law of Wayne Smith, assistant to the State Attorney.

The day following the viewing of the film, Dr. Roberts received word from the state attorney's office that legal action would possibly be taken against him, and that some students had been called to testify.

In a lengthy telephone interview, State Attorney Curtis Golden of Pensacola stated

that the film was obscene, and was not being used for proper educational purposes," he said. "The excerpts shown were the most erotic scenes. We're not trying to censor anyone. We're just trying to enforce the law."

In Florida a person is prohibited from possessing obscene materials outside the privacy of his home.

Golden said that the State Attorney's office did not file charges against Dr. Roberts because Roberts cooperated with the office. He said Roberts claimed to be opposed to pornography.

Roberts said that the

film was personally offensive to him, and that he had no intention of breaking the law. "Robert's attitude had a great bearing on the case," Golden said.

Roberts said that if censorship committees are set up, he is sure that they will be immediately challenged in court and found unconstitutional. "The state will be the laughing stock of the academic world if these committees are set up," he said.

Rep. Fortune was repeatedly called by the SGA office and did not return any of the calls.

Unless the Governor vetoes the merger bill with its censorship amendment, all the state universities will have to preview any films shown on campus. The FIU Student Government Association will set up a table in the University House next week providing envelopes, paper, and postage to any student wishing to write to the governor.

Crosby talks about reorganization plan

FIU President Harold B. Crosby's new organizational plan is expected to take the university one step away from its original experimental format and a step closer to tradition.

President Crosby made that assessment in a wide ranging interview with *International* editors.

"This plan moves towards a more traditional university structure," President Crosby explained, "and it should lead to more stability."

Under the new plan, the Office of Community Affairs will be abolished. Crosby said that Office had represented a "laudable vision" which hadn't fulfilled its promise.

Instead "tension and friction" had developed between the office, which handled external degree and several other off-campus programs and the regular academic departments.

Crosby said the two faculties "had to compete for resources in a less than perfect agreement."

Crosby said the reforms would lead to greater stability in the university community. "The fact that a form has become traditional suggests that it has some merit," Crosby said.

The reorganization had made some nervous because they didn't understand what the changes meant to them. But Crosby said, "Except, for a very few officers, the reassignment is done with subunits intact. In a direct sense there is little effect in terms of the loss of jobs."

He said the reorganization would permit for more equitable decisions for salary and promotions by establishing "criteria and processes for evaluating personnel."

Under the current system, he argued, there has been too much diversity of rewards for similar tasks.

"It has produced uncertainty, and perhaps stronger feelings than that as people had compared how they are being treated," Crosby said. He said the re-organization would

International Editors Joe Broadus, Bill Ashton, Linda Rodriguez, and Rusty Seigny met with Florida International University President Harold B. Crosby to discuss his recently announced plans to reorganize the university. Since their release, the proposals have been the subject of wide community interest. In the last two weeks, President Crosby has met with representatives of every segment of the university to clarify the proposals. The editors' meeting with President was designed to satisfy our readers' curiosity about the plans.

permit for a reasonable degree of uniformity across the university in terms of salary, promotion, and tenure.

He also defended his proposal for the creation of the post of executive vice-president.

Crosby said he could alternately spend 150 percent of his time away from campus, or 150 percent of his time on campus doing things that were important to the university.

He said the executive vice president would deal mostly with on-campus matters while his office would deal with external relationships.

He said the office would not be another level of red tape. He suggested that it would speed up the whole process.

Under the plan, development (fund raising) and a new office of legislative relations would be assigned to the president's office. The executive vice-president would be assigned co-ordination of activities on the Tamiami and North Miami Campuses.

Crosby had argued earlier that the two-campus development mandated structural changes in the university's organization.

The opening of the North Campus in Summer Quarter was in part responsible for Dr. Crosby's decision to release the organizational plan in mid-May.

He said the plan had to be presented in time for the new fiscal year. He had to wait for the state legislature to finish the education budget before the plan could take a certain shape.

The June 13 meeting of the Florida Board of Regents is ideal for consideration of the plan, Crosby said, because it

comes after the legislative session and in time for the new budget year.

Dr. Crosby said his decision to release the reorganization plan to the university executive council was unprecedented, and was designed to encourage a wide range of input to the plan.

Previously, he observed the first work of reorganizations was their enactment.

He said he could not give too much advance warning of the Plan. "Frankly, the plan does effect individuals and I was reluctant to bring it forward," Crosby said. (Vice-president Glenn Goerke, for



FIU President Harold B. Crosby

example, appears to have ended his 10-year association with the State University System.)

As for the method of drafting the plan, the executive approach was the best in his view. "You can imagine a committee entangled in the

personalities involved for months," he observed. He doubted if a committee would have the determination to dissolve an incumbent vice-president's office.

He described university response to the plan as interesting and encouraging

Faculty concerned with plan

**JOE BROADUS
and
BILL ASHTON**

The faculty senate has expressed concern over FIU President Harold B. Crosby's recently announced reorganization plan, and requested more time to consider the measure before its adoption.

Major features of the plan call for the creation of two new vice-presidents, which will require approval by the Board of Regents (BOR). Other aspects of the plan abolish the Office of Community Affairs, and realign the reporting responsibilities of other sections.

Although the strongly worded resolution protests: "The faculty senate is seriously disturbed with the implications of the proposed reorganization," faculty senate president Richard Huse expressed a more positive view than the wording might suggest.

"It might be a good idea," Huse said in an interview with *The International*. But the School of Hotel professor explained that he and his colleagues were caught by surprise by the plans release, and didn't feel they had had appropriate time to review the proposal.

Huse said release of the plan came at a "poor rtime."

The senators had no time to react adequately, no time to study the plan." He added that the plan has been rescheduled on the faculty senate agenda for the next meeting.

But the senate will have to race the clock because the plan

is set for consideration by the regents at their next meeting June 13, in Tampa.

"Give us a chance," Huse said. "We've requested all faculty members to send suggestions to the senate."

"We are working hard," he added.

Huse said the faculty senate had not been involved in the early talks about the plan, and some of the provisions, particularly those for the creation of an executive vice-president, deserve thorough consideration.

Another area of concern was student services. "The students I've talked to want to see bigger, broader, faster services," Huse said. He added that he expected to see better services from the student services office.

Huse said he was working to expedite the review of the plan, and felt it should be presented to the regents in their June meeting. "To delay it (the presentation) now would be a disaster of major proportions," Huse said. But he added the regents could ask for more time "to look at it"

before giving approval.

Huse said he did not fear for the independence or integrity of academic programs under the plan.

He did, however, want an opportunity to talk to staffers at the library and in media to gauge their response to shifts in their place on the organization chart.

Huse denied that personality had played a role in the senate deliberations. Since the release of the plan, rumors have circulated on campus suggesting that Dr. Joseph Olander, a tenured FIU professor on leave to the state education commission, would be tapped as interim executive vice president.

Last week, in an attempt to end speculation, President Crosby announced that Dr. Olander had requested that he not be considered for the interim appointment to the executive vice president's job.

Crosby said the plan should be considered in terms of institutional structure and the expedient organization of the university, and not in terms of personalities.

Foreign Advisor hired

FIU foreign students will have a new Foreign Students Advisor beginning June 20, 1977.

The new addition to the staff is Dr. John Bonanno, currently the director of International Student Services at FSU. Bonanno hopes to find more of an international flavor at FIU and wants to be a part of the development of international programs for FIU. He will be the advisor for the Tamiami and the North Miami Campus.

While at FSU, Bonanno developed and directed several programs for foreign students including the Family Host

Program, the Intercultural Program between American and Foreign Students, and the Student and Faculty Exchange Program. Other areas in which he aided FSU's 450 foreign students dealt with housing and immigration problems.

Bonanno received his doctorate from the University of Georgia in 1973. Dr. Sandra Clark, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Students, said that Bonanno was invited to Taiwan, Republic of China by the Ministry of Education in August of 1976 in appreciation of work done with Chinese students.

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Vote FOR repeal

This is our last word on the Metro "gay rights" ordinance. But before we start, here is the question Dade County voters will see in their voting booths tuesday:

Shall Dade County Ordinance No. 77-4 which prohibits discrimination in the areas of housing, public accomodations and employment against persons based on their affectional or sexual preferences be repealed?

We urge you to vote **FOR REPEAL** of this ordinance. Why? Here are the reasons.

1.) The U.S. Constitution prohibits government from interfering with religious institutions. Who are the Metro Commissioners to say otherwise? Religious schools have the right to hire teachers on their ability to do the job. That job includes not only teaching children to read and write, but a sense of right and wrong, according to the concepts of a particular faith.

Religious schools can demand that teachers promote moral views consistant with the school's religious affiliation. Most organized religions see homosexuality as a sin. It would be as hypocritical for a religious establishment to hire an admitted homosexual as it would be for a homosexual to teach children that homosexuality is a sin.

The issue is religious freedom. The freedom of a parent to practice his or her religious beliefs, as they pertain to his or her children. The freedom to exercise moral convictions.

Homosexuality is a state of mind. So is Communism, Nazism, and other beliefs. Can anyone imagine schools being forced to hire Nazis?

Who knows what the future holds?

2.) What is a sexual preference, so poorly defined in the ordinance? Will the ordinance force landlords to rent to prostitutes? Is bestiality a legitimate sexual preference? Is the ordinance an "anything goes" law?

The ordinance is really fuzzy. It doesn't define "sexual preferences. It could be interpreted to mean that people could not be fired for breaking the law. After all many sex acts are still illegal in the state of Florida.

3.) There is always the prospect of quotas. If "gays" are reclassified as a legitimate minority group, what will stop Big Government from forcing a certain percentage of all employees to be hired only because they are homosexual?

Marshall Harris, a member of the Florida Board of Regents, has been campaigning against repeal of the ordinance. He claims that homosexuals have been discriminated against, and that this ordinance will help them to get and maintain jobs. Harris is apparently not as concerned about real minority groups. Only one out of thirty seven faculty members in the eight predominantly white Universities Harris oversees is black.

Until the state of Florida sees to the needs of legitimate minority groups, let us not start creating minority groups out of whole cloth.

We repeat, vote FOR REPEAL of the needless Metro Ordinance on Tuesday.

Discrimination?

To the editor

Good journalism and good editorials come from a fundamental base, which is to find out what information is available, sort out the facts and then come to your conclusion. Your recent editorial about there being no discrimination against gays, as a reason for editorially suggesting a repeal of basic civil rights, is just plain bad journalism. It starts with the fact that you didn't even bother to contact us to find out if there is or isn't discrimination.

So that you'll have resource material as to discrimination, one significant case is now before the Fla. Supreme Ct., as to whether a young man, who is fully qualified to be a lawyer, but is an admitted Gay, cannot at this time be admitted to the Fla. Bar Assoc.

If you need the hundreds of other examples, there are the many police reports of harassment, entrapment, etc. of classic cases where jobs were at stake with no protection under the law before the Metro ordinance took effect. Also you might bother to call Dr. Jan Fagan, of the Fair Housing and Appeals Board—547—7840,

about many other existing discriminating cases and the need for this ordinance.

A classical case happened recently when a Jim Curasi, 'came out' and expressed his anger at Gov. Spiro Askew's defense of this Bryant witchhunt, as was 'forced' to resign because he fought back and disclosed who he was.

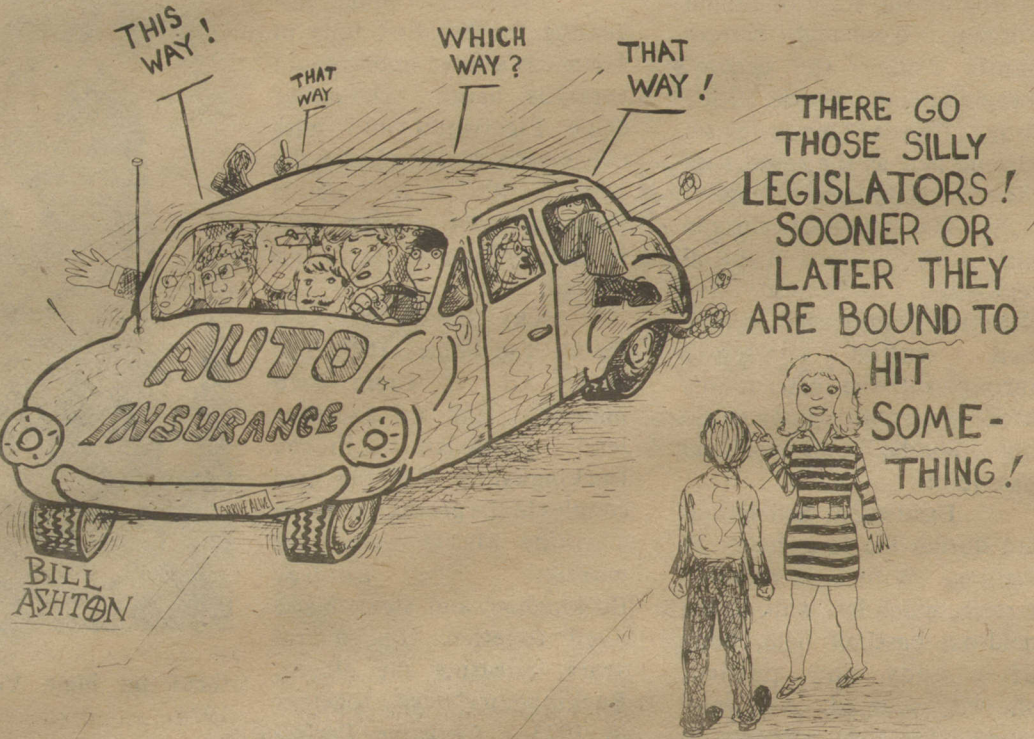
The whole point for voting against repeal of this ordinance is that gays will never cooperate in a conspiracy with Anita Bryant to have her lie to her children about who gay people really are. If she wants to lie, that's for her to do, but we have no intention of lying to ourselves or anyone else for that matter.

Official 2nd class citizenship is in Cuba, Moscow, Uganda and most of the world, and your embarrassment of the F.I.U. institution backing this same type of tyranny in America is enexcusable.

Perhaps a course in the Bill of Rights would help you. Certainly a new course in journalism, is a prerequisite. I wonder how you would react if your freedom was being voted on by the community.

BOB KUNST

Editorial Opinions



Not human nature

To the Editor:

With information presented with demagoguery, half-truths, and distortion, people are confused about this homosexuality issue. The term "human rights" has been adulterated with intention, to the point that it has lost its proper meaning. Many persons are now chanting, like voice cassettes, "human rights, human rights!" without having the slightest idea what the term means. Even human sexuality has been re-defined to mean that humans are neither hetero nor homo, just sexuals.

I would like to clarify these distortions. First, human rights are universal rights which are inviolable and unalienable, coherent with individual and social human nature.

One of the tactics being used by those against repeal of the Metro ordinance is to equate the negation of human rights of the Jews in Nazi Germany to the repeal of the repeal of the ordinance. This is a fallacy. The Nazis propagandized that to be a Jew and practice Judaism was against human nature and so Jews were considered to be against the security of Germany and the world. This was a lie, of course. To be a Jew and to practice Judaism is not against human nature. What the "gay rights" organizations are propagandizing is that homosexuality is coherent with human nature. This is not true. Homosexual behavior is not coherent with human nature because homosexuals use the human body for purposes other than the physiological sexual organs' intended functions. Thus the

practice of homosexuality is humanly anti-natural.

It is as incorrect to negate a human right of a person for something that is coherent with human nature, as it is to extend a right to a person for something that is humanly anti-natural.

These organizations are doing the same thing the Nazis did. The "gay" groups are using myths and distortions to add confusion, employing a game of words given wrong meanings. This is precisely what the Nazis did. It has come to the point where many

"No right exists to right a human wrong"

persons with good intentions are not sure how to vote. This is precisely what these organizations want. Because many persons, not wanting to vote wrong, will not vote.

Another point that has been raised is that man is neither hetero nor homo, but just sexual. This is a half-truth. It is true that, at birth, a person has no mentally defined sexual orientation or inclination, but it is also true that, at birth, a person has a clearly defined body physiology which includes reproductive sexual organs.

With each of the sexual organs there is a biological-physiological functional correspondance that is coherent with the organs' function. So when a person starts to grow, his sexual orientation has to be

fostered correctly in correspondance to his own biological-physiological functions. If a male, his orientation has to be directed toward a female to be a logical and correct correlation, and vice-versa. The only proper behavior is the heterosexual behavior.

If a person does not want to accept this, that is his problem. Just because a person "prefers" to deviate from the correct behavior does not mean the deviation has to be recognized as acceptable. Just because an alcoholic refuses to change his drinking "preferences" does not mean that alcoholism has to be recognized as an acceptable way of life.

After consulting with different lawyers it has been brought to my attention that, as it is written, "Dade County Ordinance No. 77-4, which prohibits discrimination in the areas of housing, public accomodations and employment against persons based on their affectional or sexual preferences" has left the door open for persons who choose to practice their sexual "preference" with animals or things to be legally protected by law. Since it does not restrict the person's preference, this adds insult to injury.

If we are so generous as to keep thinking of "rights", let us understand that human rights must be rightly understood. No right exists to spread a human wrong. It is a foolish trap. The only correct vote is **FOR REPEAL** of the ordinance.

Sincerely yours,
Jorge L. Gonzales



New Twyman play

"Don't Trust Life" charming comedy

KATHY MCCARTHY
Staff Writer

"Everybody's a dreamer,
everybody's a star,
Everybody's in show biz,
it doesn't matter
who you are..."

If you've ever been unemployed, down and out, yet harbored dreams of Hollywood fame and tinsel glory while being evicted for not paying your rent, than you

might agree that "Don't Trust Life" is a plausible motto.

"Don't Trust Life" is the title of a Ken Friedman comedy, now being directed by Terry Twyman and produced by FIU students in the VH theater.

"Don't Trust Life" begins in an unemployment line where you find the bizarre, the commoners, the old and sick, and the young who feed off dreams. A Wall Street stockbroker, a jockey, a busboy, a hard-luck singer; all they really have in common is a welfare check and a boisterous, enterprising, con artist named Walt Whitman.

When Walt is "terminated" by the big man at the employment office where he had been handing out checks, he decides to get together an act and break into show business.

Walt randomly picks the next five people waiting in the unemployment line to be his "entertainers." He promises them visions of fame and wealth, that he can make "nobodies" into "somebodies," while he lives out of a suitcase of rags and cannot pay his rent.

What results is five talentless, delightful characters, along with Walt, all believing their ship has finally come in. They start out to set the world on fire, to grab Hollywood by its shirt tails, to become overnight "stars"...if only they DO something.

They vary from the

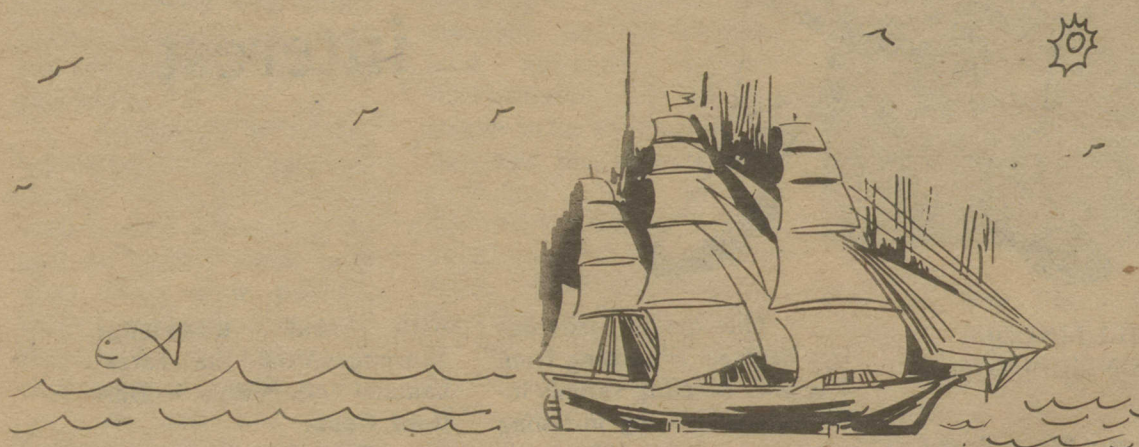
bubbling, bumbling, sexy Rhonda, to a shy, withdrawn skateboarder, (known only by his unemployment line number), who's only real emotional involvement is with his pet goldfish. All five characters are a blending of comical chemistry; as different as blue jeans to pink gingham; as similar as their naive simplicity.

With Walt cavalierly leading the way, the five arrive at the World Trade Center in determined efforts to appear on television's "Salute to Unemployment." When another door slams in their face, they walk 97 flights of stairs, hijack an elevator race, and don't quit until they have given the talent director gray hair.

The perils the six endure in their voyage to Starland are funny, yet retain a touching, human element as you watch frightened, once-too-often rejected nobodies, dreams melting in their mouths, struggling to believe in themselves.

"Don't Trust Life" is a charming, bittersweet comedy that takes a timely, serious issue and gives us a reason to laugh about it. The acting is superb, including a show-stealing performance by 11-year-old Mark Sigglinger, who plays a talent agent.

The play can be seen June 1-5 or June 8-12, at 8 p.m. in VH 100. Admission is free for FIU students with a valid I.D.; \$1.25 for non-FIU students; and \$2.50 for all others. Reservations can be made by calling 552-2895.



ruisin' on a Saturday night

Future Attorneys 'Bon voyage'

JOHN EWALD
Sports Editor

On the last Saturday night of May, the Galeon Espanol cruised slowly around beautiful Biscayne Bay. The evening was blessed with cool ocean breezes and a star-filled sky.

FIU's Future Attorney's Association was holding its awards banquet. Over 100 people enjoyed a memorable night dancing under the moonlight, dining on sumptuous buffet-style food and above all else, sharing in a good time.

The FAA, one of the most visible and active student organizations on campus, was responsible for establishing an SAT preparation course at FIU, setting up one of the first academic scholarship programs, and various other projects and ideas.

Cesar Armstrong, Provost of the FAA, has played an important part in

the organization's success. He was named outstanding FAA member at the banquet. Armstrong is pleased that the group has been able to establish important programs. "The FAA is successfully initiating programs which aid those who are interested in the legal profession", Armstrong said.

Former FAA President Pedro Prado received a special award for his efforts as founding father of the organization and his enthusiastic promotion of the FAA. Prado was an unsuccessful candidate for SGA Chairman in April's SGA elections.

Angelo Rodriguez, President of FAA, and Maribel Villante, Chairman of the group's Social Activity Committee, organized the banquet, which was termed a complete success by most who attended. Rodriguez plans another club cruise in the future.

Many considered the

highlight of the evening to be Gerard Riegger's awesome comedy routine as "Distinguished Dean of the Pinkola School of Law", following the awards ceremony. Riegger left his audience in stitches throughout the night with his distinctive brand of humor and the ability he possesses to thoroughly enjoy himself and others wherever he goes.

Forum Sex Quiz #2

1. Where do the majority of sexually active teenagers have sex?
a. in cars c. in their parents' home
b. in motels d. incognito

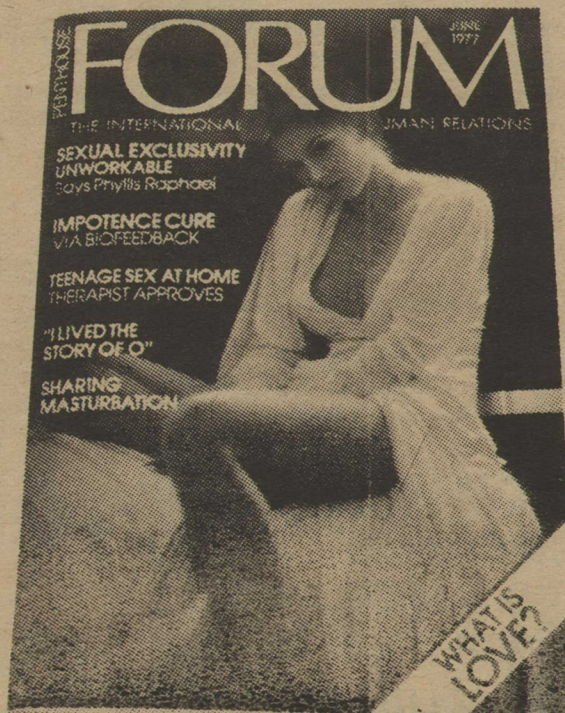
2. Parents who approve sex at home for teenagers

- a. usually approve multiple partners for sons and daughters.
- b. resent the fact that their children are having more fun than they are.
- c. do not approve multiple partners for sons or daughters.
- d. subscribe to the double standards in which boys are allowed to have sex but girls aren't.

3. Dr. Bernice Nuegarten of the University of Chicago says parents usually discover that a liberal view of sex on their part

- a. can lead to promiscuous behavior on the part of children.
- b. is a sensible point of view.
- c. does not lead to the "moral catastrophe" many of them had feared.
- d. is anti-American.

For the answers to these and many other questions about teenagers and sex, be sure to pick up a copy of the June issue of FORUM Magazine. Now on sale at your newsstand.



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Photo
Marianella
Villa

Shirley Dawson and Marianella Villa escape from the tension of directing International Week.

With events like International Week and the Diplomatic Cocktail Party, the "I" in FIU has begun to stand for International rather than Interim. FIU made major commitments to attracting international students with the appointments of Dean of International Affairs Dr. William Leffland and Foreign Student Advisor Dr. John Bonnano.

Thanks for this special section go to Michael Upright and Andy Banks.

Linda Rodriguez
Section Editor



Marianella
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This was one of the many groups performing in the Forum during the week's festivities.

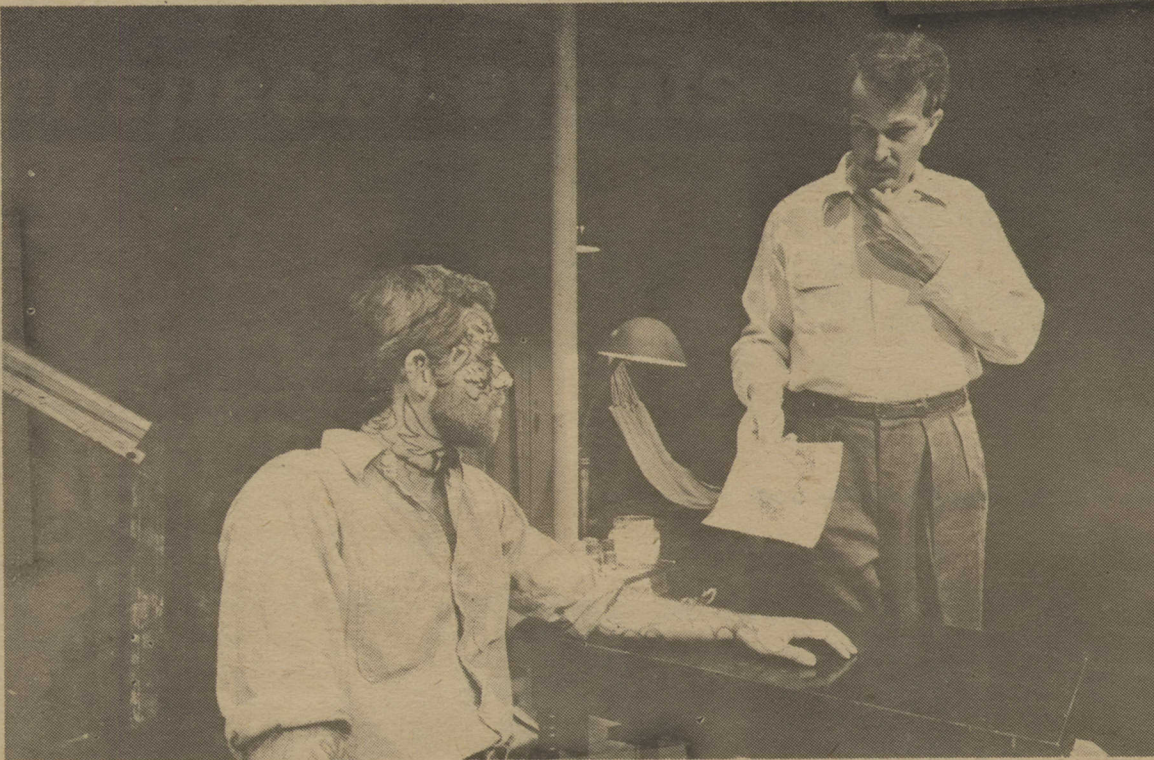


Photo by Michael H. Upright

Terry Twyman's original play "Tattoo" left its mark on FIU as the two act play gained wide recognition for excellence. The play won the Florida division of the American College Theatre Festival, and went on to compete in regional competition in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Simon Daro Dawidowicz gives the first piece of art work for the new FIU Art Gallery to Art Department Chairman Jim Couper.



Photos by Michael H. Upright



Photo by Mari-got Taconini

The most hotly contested SGA race in FIU history saw an intense effort from all sides. Voters were accosted as they approached the polls.

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At long last, the *last* Ewald sports column

JOHN EWALD
SPORTS EDITOR

The FIU commencement exercises for 1977 summer graduates will be held Saturday night, June 11, at the Miami Beach Convention Hall.

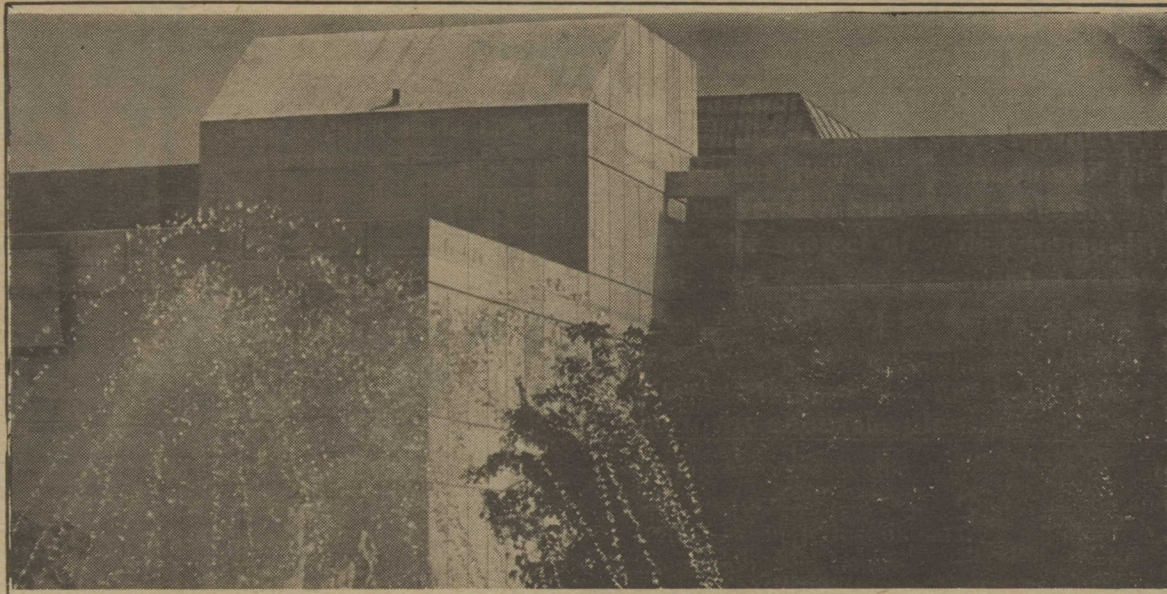
In these times of computers and initials (modern man's way of simplifying everything) it is only fitting that at FIU's commencement ceremonies, they won't even hand out diplomas. Instead, the graduate will walk out of Convention Hall that night with a fancy piece of paper explaining why the degree isn't there. But while graduation may have become a demonstration of the meaningless, de-humanized way the state university system produces statistics, there will still be a lot of feeling in Convention Hall that night.

They still haven't been able to simplify emotion.

As this is my final column as Sports Editor of the International, I would like to talk about some of the feelings that I will have that night. The pictures that will appear in my mind as I graduate from FIU.

And most of those pictures—framed photographs of meaningful comings and goings—will be memories of special people. Memories that will not easily fade. The photographs may someday appear hazy. Black and white even. Like an old favorite song that you sometimes hear while driving in your car—but you don't remember the words so you just sort of hum along anyway. Because you really wish you could remember the words. And that is why, before the colors fade, I must get this down. The colors of some special people. Like Jim Couch.

Jim Couch is a one-time sportswriter who has been my professor/advisor since I came to FIU early last year as a communications



major. It was Jim Couch who once told me that 'anyone can write a column'. I disagreed with him then and I do now, but I always listened closely to the one person responsible for this university having a communications program at all.

When my college degree finally does arrive in the mail it will read BACHELOR OF SCIENCE—SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY. While that says something about the problems Professor Couch has encountered in trying to establish a reputable journalism/communications program at FIU, it also says a lot about what one caring and dedicated professor can still accomplish.

In class Jim Couch always told his writers to be accurate and concise. OK, Mr. Couch. Thanks. For caring.

Another who will not quickly fade is Bill Ashton. Friends since we worked on the student magazine at Miami-Dade South, Ashton and I are almost completely opposite in our interests. He watches Star Trek reruns and reads comic books. I hate Star Trek. Comic Books?

But there is so much more to Bill Ashton than that. He is one of the truly outstanding members of Student Government, up-to-date on just about everything that's happening at FIU. As managing editor of this paper, he has displayed his wide

range of talents from editorial cartoons to first rate newswriting ability. In short, Bill Ashton is an aware, involved person. That rare student with good grades, deep concern for his university and a mind that can go in seconds from the political situation in South Africa to who wrote the worst episode of the Bob Newhart Show to how Carl Yastrzemski is doing with the Red Sox. And more than any of that. Bill Ashton is a friend.

And then there's Corta. Frank Cortazar. The big guy. Lifetime best friend.

Quite simply, there is no way to thank him here. I can't and won't try. And so, I will try to give you another photograph. One that was taken at Miami Baseball Stadium during spring training past. In it, the New York Yankees are clustered around the batting cage on a warm Friday night. Reggie Jackson is rubbing his eyes. Willie Randolph's are closed. The eyes of a nearby photographer are darting around the field, looking for a good way to preserve this scene.

But the eyes of Frank Cortazar are wide open, alive with excitement and joy. He is holding a baseball that he is just about to hand to Elston Howard, the great old catcher, who is hitting grounders in the infield. He is happy to be out there, on the diamond, with

Elston Howard. He appreciates greatness because he, too, once possessed it as a catcher and hitter of baseballs. His promising career was cut short by painful knee and arm injuries. But that doesn't matter now.

He's learned to accept the fact that he will never know what Elston Howard knew. Frank Cortazar, Corta, is a man now. But he remembers how much fun it was to be the big kid who could hit a baseball a mile.

Corta is 23 years old now. He is an engineer, not a baseball player. But he hasn't forgotten completely how to be a kid. He is happy and strong and alive in his 23rd summer. He is the kind of guy you like to know. The kind of guy you don't forget.

Clara is one person who's colors will never fade. Here I will only say thank you. With much understanding and love.

One final photograph. One more picture for graduation night. A picture of the kids in my C.C.D. class this past year. (C.C.D.—a Catholic simplification for Sunday School) I have taught these classes on Sunday mornings for the past five years, but it was not until this year's class that I came to realize just how meaningful and satisfying teaching can be.

This is what Robin, a young girl of compassion,

wrote to me on the last day of class. "John—you were my 7th Grade Sunday School teacher. You taught me to care. You taught me to love. You taught me to cherish life and happiness and all the people living around me. I wish having you as a teacher would never...end."

There are those rare, singular moments in a person's life when one realizes that he must make a commitment to the future. The moment when he must stand up and assert himself. Dag Hammarskjöld said it beautifully: "The more faithfully you listen to the voice within you, the better you will hear what is sounding outside."

The voice within me tells me that I have come to that point in life when a commitment must be made. The commitment need not be a long term one—something that imposes limitations. It must be spontaneous. But it also must be fully comprehended. Complete and understood. A commitment to the moment. Time and place are not important. Only the realization is.

On a hot June night I will walk out of Miami Beach Convention Hall, a college graduate. The fact that I have graduated will be meaningless. Education is a lifetime experience.

But the photographs that will pass slowly through my mind will be very meaningful. Jim Couch. Bill Ashton. Corta. Clara. The kids in my Sunday school class. The photographs will be full of colors that night and I will savor each one of them.

And after the final photograph I will think about whatever happened to this former sportswriter, who now wants very much to teach. Only then I will be able to see clearly why I became a former sportswriter.

The voice within me is loud and clear. Graduation night will mean something.

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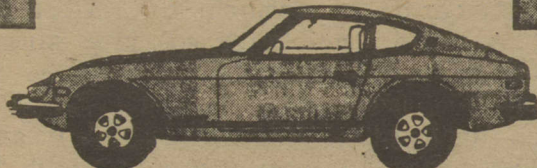
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SECOND ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The Second Annual Awards Ceremony, sponsored in part by the Student Government Association, will be held on Thursday, June 9, 1977 at 8:00pm in AT 100. The ceremony is designed to honor the achievements and contributions made by FIU students to the university.

A wine reception will follow the award presentations. Everyone is cordially invited.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT RESOLUTIONS

At this week's session, the SGA allocated \$100,000 to be spent by the library for new books, \$140,000 for SGA in-house expenses, \$72,000 for the Health Clinic in the PC building, and \$2,500 as a partial payment for 50 persons to take the LSAT, providing that they pay \$10 of the fee themselves. This money was made available from left-over funds from Fall Festival.

During this week's SGA meeting, topics of discussion will include the formation of a Student Court, Executive Cabinet Positions, and Presidential Signing Power.

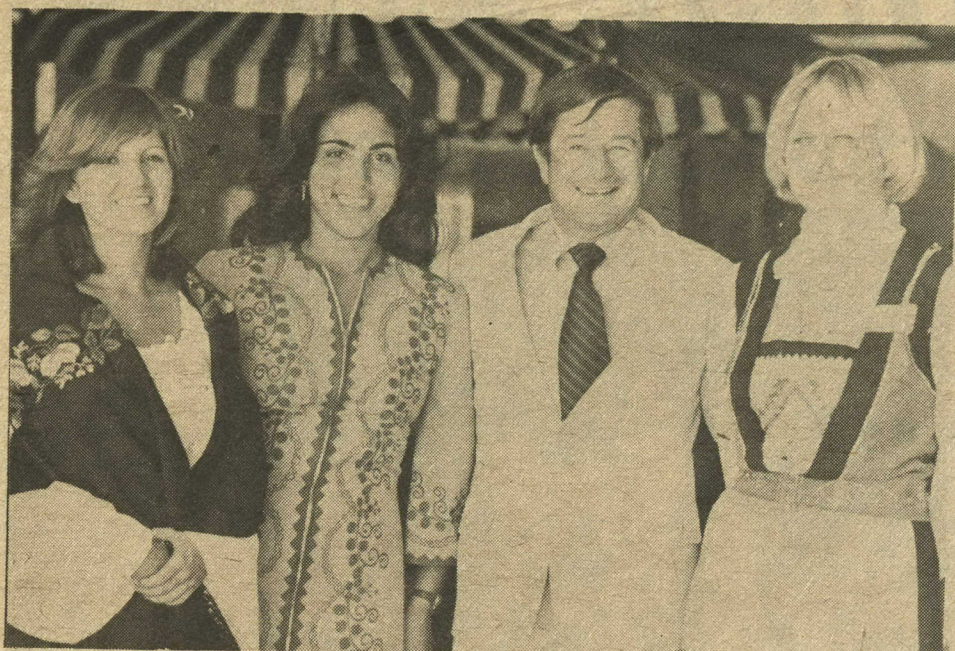
SENATE VACANCY- There is still a vacancy in the School of Arts and Sciences for an SGA Senator. Interested persons should apply in the SGA office in UH 310.

this week's classic film: ~~REDACTED~~

This week's SGA movie is THE PAPER CHASE, starring Timothy Bottoms, Lindsey (Bionic Woman) Wagner, and John Houseman, who won the Academy Award for Best Male Supporting Actor for his portrayal of a strict law professor. The film will be shown on Friday evening, June 3, at 7:30pm in UH 140. Admission is FREE!!!

STUDENT ORGANIZATION NEWS

The United Black Students are still recruiting members for their softball team which will play during the summer against other organizations. Anyone interested should contact a member of UBS or come to their office in UH 318B daily at 12:30pm.....UBS will hold its meetings on Tuesdays at 12:45pm in UH 317.....In addition, UBS asks all past and present members of the club to attend the SGA Awards Ceremony on June 9 since several members have been considered for awards.....The Student Consumer Group would appreciate hearing what consumer issues you-the students-would like more information. Contact them on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:30pm in UH 318C or call Ext.2241.....Students for International Understanding (SFIU) will meet next Tuesday at 12:30pm in UH 315. SFIU will be sponsoring government official lectures and a political awareness seminar in the near future. Any questions may be directed to Juan Carlos Gonzalez at 552-2785 or Ana Gomez at 552-2601.....The Future Attorney's Association takes pride in announcing that it has established the first Academic Achievement Scholarship which will be presented on the fourth week of the summer quarter to an outstanding member of FAA.....FAA will hold its first meeting of the summer quarter on Tuesday, June 21 at 12:30pm in UH 150..... On June 10, the Federation of Cuban Students is sponsoring a Farewell Disco Party from 8:00pm till the "wee hours" in UH 210. The price is \$4.00 and will include a live disco band, a DJ during the breaks, FIU's resident magician Arrowwood, free food and free refreshments!!!

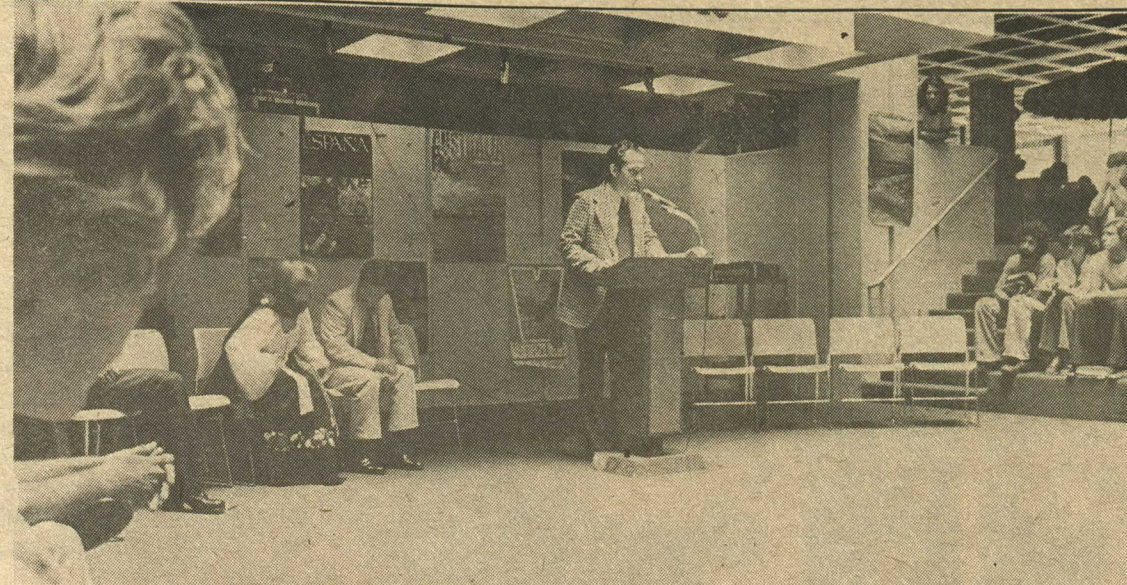


The 'Big Three' of the International Week Committee, Lucy Aguilar, Mariannella Villa and Judy Byrum.



The Finland booth at the International Bazar.

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Dr. Ricardo Arias begins the week's festivities.

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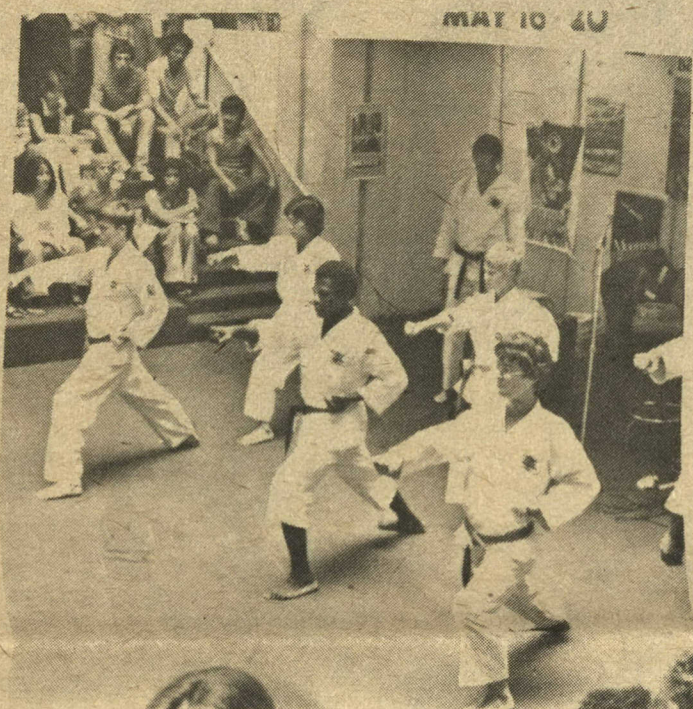
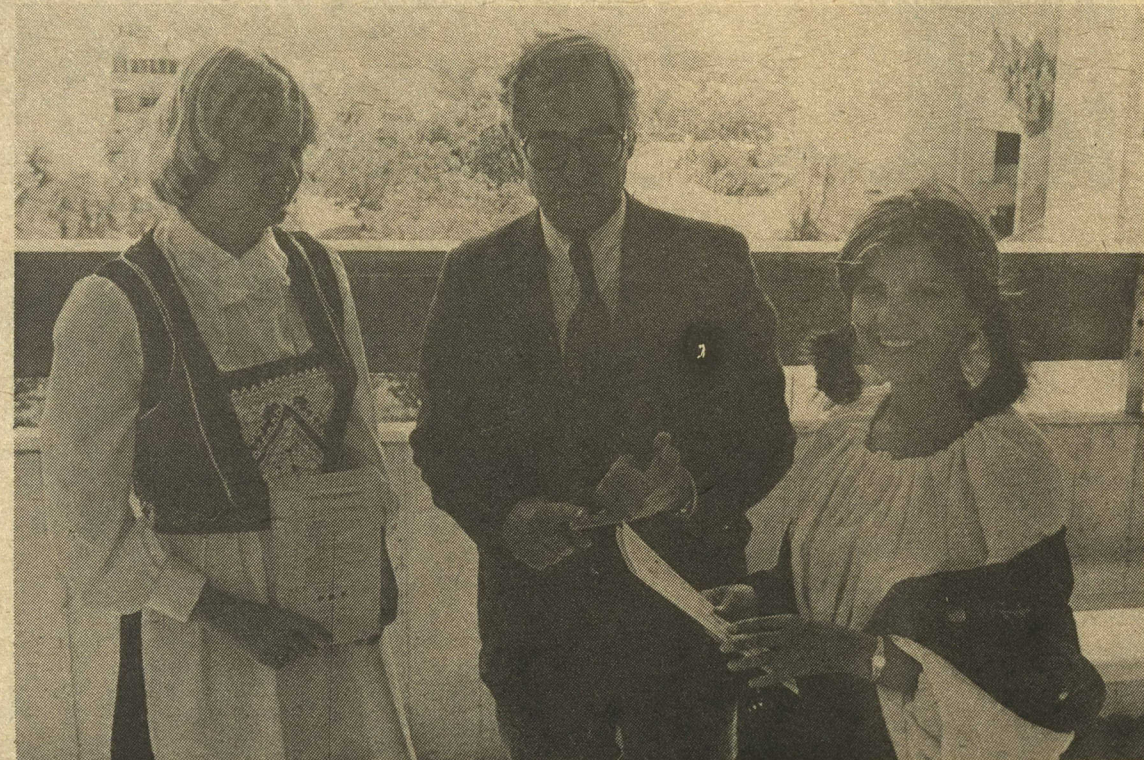


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FIU Karate Club members exhibited their skills.



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Dean of International Affairs William Loffland meets with members of the International Week Committee.

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Laura Pasley stole the hearts of those watching the International Fashion Show.

The American Balalaka's were a favorite with FIU students. They received a standing ovation after their performance.



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Lucy Aguilar working the Ecuador booth at the International Bazar.

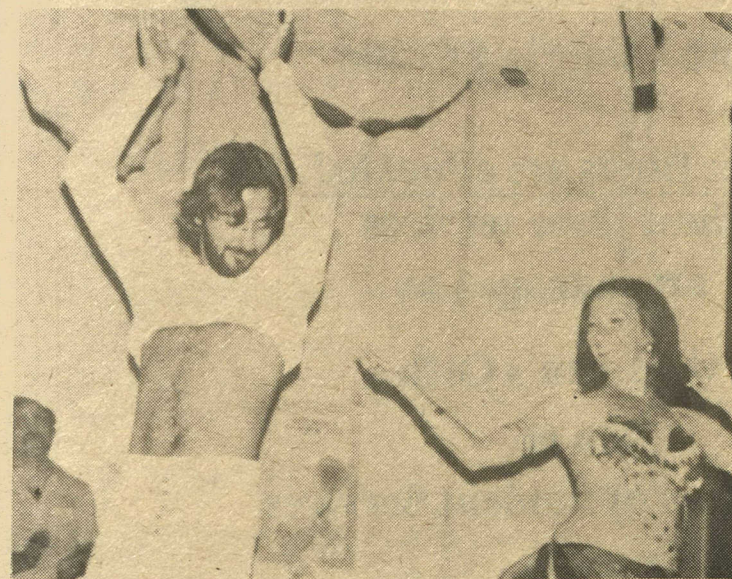


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The main attraction at the wind-down bash was the belly dancer.



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The International Fashion Show was a huge success. Here the participants are lined up for judging.



International Club members sold fried fish and conch like mother used to make in Nassau.