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Dr. Milton Byrd

# Milton Byrd to fly west

**BILL ASHTON**  
News Editor

FIU Provost Dr. Milton Byrd has been named President of Adams State College in Colorado. Byrd, 55, will assume his new position in January.

Byrd has been Provost at FIU since August of 1974. One of his most important tasks was the writing and implementation of a North Miami Campus master plan. His plan for the future of the NMC was approved by the Florida Board of Regents. Byrd has also been involved with faculty evaluations, program evaluations and personnel policies.

A STUDY of FIU's intercollegiate athletics program will be one of Byrd's last projects here. The study, which will include a series of recommendations for improvements, should be completed before Byrd leaves FIU at the end of the year.

Byrd says that he regrets leaving FIU after "three and a half delightful years watching the University grow and mature." He added that "FIU is a very healthy and promising institution. I would guess that 15 years from now it will be one of the most distinguished large universities in the country." He thinks that FIU will strengthen its emphasis on international programs.

One of Byrd's challenges at Adams State will be to deal with the school's declining enrollment. Adams State is a state-supported college with about 2400 students, located in Alamosa, in the southwestern corner of Colorado. Byrd says that though the school has a comprehensive curriculum, many Coloradans think of Adams as just a teacher's college. He says that he will try to change that image.

Adams State will provide Byrd with many opportunities to use the Spanish he learned while at FIU. Twenty-five per cent of Adams' students are of Mexican-American descent.

Byrd will be the fifth President of the 56-year-old college.

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### 'Dissident' cop, union rep., terminated

# Police chief under fire

**BOB SHANBROM**  
Staff Writer

Florida International University could face a grand jury in a case involving the alleged firing of a university employee and possible affirmative action violations, according to former Assistant County Attorney H.T. Smith Jr., a noted civil rights lawyer.

"We've got the goods on them (FIU officials)," Smith said. "The university will see that this is a can of worms."

SMITH is presently representing former Department of Public Safety Officer June Blair, the university's Police Benevolent Association representative, who claims she lost her job because "they wanted to get rid of a person they perceived to be a trouble maker."

Police Chief Timothy Fenlon contends that Blair abandoned her position when she failed to report for duty for thirty days without producing a doctor's certification of an injury. Blair was hurt when she suffered a fall on an FIU Public Safety department stairway. Arrowsmith, Fenlon's superior, termed Blair's loss of position a "case of resignation."

Blair was among officers termed "dissident" by FIU Vice President for Academic Affairs Ron Arrowsmith.

Blair holds Fenlon, Arrowsmith and FIU Personnel Director Pat Caruso responsible for the "resignation."

"They got me on a technicality," Blair says, "They were well aware that I was on crutches. I spoke with my superior, Corporal George Scheyer, at least five times about my condition. Personnel has used a rule arbitrarily. I see Personnel as a check-and-balance situation. They should serve as intermediaries, not to assist administrators who want to fire an employee."

BLAIR sprained her ankle in an Oct. 9 fall on a stairwell of the Public Safety Department's headquarters in the tower behind the Deuxieme Maison (DM) building. This was the same stairwell on which Police Cadet Judy Ewerlinj had broken her foot approximately 10 days earlier. Ewerlinj was denied her position back and has retained a lawyer to assist her in that

case. Ironically, the stairs appear to violate "The South Florida Building Code" Part VII, 3108.2 which states, "Flights of three or more steps shall have grip rails."

Blair filed a claim with Workman's Compensation two days after the accident. She says that she contacted her supervisor, Corporal Scheyer, saying that she would be out for quite a while. On Nov. 1 Blair received a letter asking that she produce a doctor's certification concerning her absence. Blair responded by saying that she would request her doctor to do so. She says that the doctor's office staff assured her that "they would get to it but that it might take a while."

On Nov. 9, Blair received a "strongly worded" letter from Fenlon saying that the doctor's letter must be submitted immediately. The letter did not inform her that her job was in jeopardy, nor that there was a deadline by which she was obligated to comply.

BLAIR says she became quite concerned by the letter, called her doctor and urged his office to hurry with their letter. She then called once more, to explain that she was in no condition to return. Blair adds that, at that time, it became apparent to her that there "would be an attempt to show me as AWOL." At that point, she retained the services of attorney Smith.

Three working days after Blair received the letter, Corporal Scheyer appeared at her home with a letter from Fenlon saying that Blair had "abandoned her position" and as such she had "resigned." The signatures of Fenlon and FIU Personnel Director Pat Caruso appeared on the letter.

The letter cited Career Services Rules and Regulations (Chapter 22A-7.10) as requiring the action: "An employee who is absent without authorized leave of absence for three consecutive workdays shall be deemed to have abandoned the position and to have resigned from the Career Service."

SUSAN Alvarez, chairperson of The Career Service Senate, says "It would stand to reason, that one is not supposed to get fired while on Workman's Compensation. Other people seem to have had no trouble with it, except one employee who was rehired after two months, anyway."



The old Air Traffic Control Tower of the Old Tamiami Airport now houses FIU's Public Safety Department.

She added, "Anyone with a rational mind would see that being on Workman's Compensation is an authorized leave; however, if there is room for interpretation we would hope that our administration would act in our best interests. One issue that Career Service has become particularly concerned about is, 'What function is Personnel performing if people aren't being adequately informed of their rights and obligations?'"

Blair says that she was in continual contact with Assistant Personnel Director Bruce Yeckley during her absence. "In fact," says Blair, "the day I was terminated I spoke for over an

hour to Yeckley." She adds that during the period from the day she was injured until her termination Yeckley made no attempt to communicate the gravity of the situation. Blair feels that she was betrayed by him.

Vice President Arrowsmith, who is both Fenlon's and Caruso's boss, said that he was consulted before the action against Blair, not because of possible repercussions, but "because we wanted to use all our resources to make sure we were doing the right thing."

THE DAY after "the resignation" FIU Executive Vice President Joseph

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# Police

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Olander invited the ex-officer to speak with him about the case. Blair brought attorney H. T. Smith, Jr., to the meeting, a move that is thought to have inhibited Olander's treatment of the situation.

A second meeting, set to include Olander, Blair, Smith, Fenlon, Caruso, Arrowsmith, was scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21. However, Smith was not able to attend and the meeting was canceled. Another meeting is scheduled for next week.

Fenlon's administration of The FIU Department of Public Safety has come under attack from several quarters in the year that he has held the position of chief:

- On Feb. 22, 1977, a physical sciences professor, Florentin Maurasse, was handcuffed and arrested in an incident stemming from a minor parking violation. After arguing with officer Martin Bloom over a ticket for illegal parking, Maurasse insisted that he see Chief Fenlon. He then drove to the Public Safety building. On arrival at the building, Maurasse was charged with "fleeing the scene" and "resisting arrest." He was cuffed by Bloom, with assistance from Fenlon. Maurasse says that he later signed a release with the understanding that Arrowsmith would look into the matter and that his record would be expunged. Maurasse says neither promise has been kept. In fact, a record of his arrest remains, though the charges were dropped. Maurasse claimed further harrassment last week by a former dispatcher, now an officer, who witnessed Maurasse's arrest. Maurasse was cited for "going too fast for conditions" as he drove across the PC parking lot early one morning last week. Maurasse will fight the recent ticket in court, and is planning further action to see to it that his arrest is investigated. Fenlon termed Maurasse' renewal of the case a "cheap shot," and that he and Bloom made every effort to show understanding.

- On August 19, 1977 Police Corporal Nolan Nicholls filed a University grievance charging that he had been unfairly reprimanded for a violation of the chain-of-command statement. (The chain-of-command statement requires officers to consult with their superiors before making

virtually any sort of communication.) A Grievance Committee recommended that his reprimand be removed, that the chain-of-command statement be modified and that internal investigation procedures be amended. President Crosby, the final voice in the matter, concurred with the committee's findings. Officer Nicholls is reportedly pleased at the decision but further comment is lacking due to what are termed, "further, more serious constitutional issues and possible violations of the chain-of-command statement."

- Pat Caruso says that the modified chain-of-command statement seems to require that police officers inform their superiors even before consulting their own union or lawyers even if done on their own time.

- Captain William Ball said that Judy Ewerlinj, the woman who broke her foot in a fall down the police building stairs and is on Workmen's Compensation for the injuries, had been "terminated." When asked what the grounds for her termination were, Ball replied, "We don't have to have any grounds." He added that she had been an OPS (Other Personal Services) employee, and thus was not included in Career Service protections. Ewerlinj plans on bringing suit to recover her position.

- Unfair labor practice charges have been filed to the effect that Fenlon "rigged a union election." The documents were filed by the PBA representative June Blair. Blair charged that Fenlon ordered an election to be held (management interference with operation of a union). She also charged that, following the election, he improperly requested witness statements from those present. Corporal Wade Marshall is alleged to have been reprimanded for not producing his statement promptly enough.

- Approximately two-thirds of the department is on probation or working under conditional performance evaluations. It is alleged that such conditions are used to intimidate personnel. A letter of support for Chief Fenlon was circulated in the department recently.

- Two Equal Employment Opportunity Commission complaints have been filed since Fenlon became chief. At least seven officers who resigned or were fired in the last year were either women, black, or Latin.

- On Oct. 6, 1977, the Career

Service Senate sent a letter to President Crosby asking that a complete investigation into the police department be made. (The text of the letter appears on page three).

- On Oct. 26, the Faculty Senate voted almost unanimously to endorse the Career Senate letter. Fenlon had no comment on the actions of the two Senates.

Vice President Arrowsmith was instructed to prepare a proposal addressing the Career Service letter. That document has not yet appeared.

Smith, Blair's lawyer, spoke at length about Blair's "resignation," saying, "It was an obvious attempt by Fenlon to make an example of her because she's in the forefront of grievance proceedings. I think it will backfire. I'm about as sure as an attorney can be that it'll be overturned."

**SMITH** is anxious to get a court injunction putting a cap on all firings. "Then it could be cleaned up with job security (for the officers)." He added, "Right now there is no security if there is an investigation."

Although he believes a grand jury would act on the case, he hopes that the matters can be internally resolved, commenting, "Though the top (FIU) officials aren't directly involved, it reflects on them. This could prove to be a state-wide embarrassment for them."

As Judy Ewerlinj was being interviewed in a corridor of UH one day last week Chief Fenlon appeared on the scene. Ewerlinj fled, to return a few minutes later. She explained her action as being due to nervousness in Fenlon's presence. "I always wondered when the things Fenlon's doing would catch up to him," she said, adding, "They finally have."

Fenlon cautioned the International to be careful in its reporting of the case as he had yet to reveal much information concerning the case. He cited the fact that the case was still pending as the reason for his reluctance to comment.

## 100-student rule at Forum dropped

The FIU SGA voted Nov. 9 to set aside the requirement that 100 students be in attendance before a University Forum meeting can be held. The by-law setting the minimum was declared unconstitutional, because the SGA Constitution states that "each student representing a valid (FIU) identification card shall have one vote..."

Any student with an ID card will be able to vote or propose legislation at future Forums. However, no action taken at a Forum takes effect unless it is approved by the SGA Senate.

**IN OTHER** recent actions, the SGA:

- Awarded \$50 to Marta Casas, editor of SGA's fall newsletter.
- Approved five new student organizations, including WFIU-CCTV and FIU Food Co-op. Each group automatically receives \$25.

- Voted to send SGA Associates Cindy Burton and Alicia Negrin to the National Council of Teachers of English convention in New York City. The cost of the trip is \$578.

- Voted to send former Associate Carlos Romero to the American Association of Anthropologists' national meeting in Houston, Texas. Romero's journey will cost \$317.

- Set aside \$2050, to be used for a float in two upcoming parades.

All money spent by the SGA is collected from student Activity and Service fees, attached to tuition. Each FIU student pays \$2.14 per credit hour.

### Pre-Med Society to Meet

There will be a meeting of the Pre-Med Society on Monday, Nov. 28, in UH 213, at 12:30 p.m. All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

### Rapid Transit discussion

Dade County's current transportation plans, including buses, mini systems, and rapid rail, will be presented at two Transportation forums, Thursday, Dec. 1. The first forum will be at 12:30 p.m. and the second at 5:45 p.m. both at UH 210. Alan Wulkan, Office of the Transportation Administration for Dade County, will give a slide presentation, and discuss what the current plans are for mass transportation in Dade County. The program is sponsored by the Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems and the Student Government Association. It is free and open to the public.

### South Africa Talk Slated

A discussion entitled, "South Africa: Peaceful Resolution or Violent Confrontation," will be held, Monday, Dec. 5, at 12:30 p.m. in UH 140. Among the issues to be discussed are the role of big business, U.N. involvement, and possible changes in American foreign policy. The panel will be composed of five FIU professors from various disciplines. The public is urged to participate following brief presentations by the panelists.



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#### Nov. 16 Meeting

Carlos Romero will be representing FIU at the "American Association of Anthropology" in Houston.

Funds were allocated to have three ethnic speakers at FIU.

Cindy Burton and Alicia Negrin will be representing FIU at the National Council of English Teachers 67th Annual Convention.

FIU will have a float at the "Third Annual Winternational Parade" Dec. 2, and at the Annual Orange Blossom Classic Parade, Dec. 10.

Marta Casas was awarded \$50 for her work as editor of the SGA newsletter.

New student organizations recognized; International Business Club; International Flying Club; Pakistan Student Association; Food Co-Op.



#### TURKEY BOWL

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day at 11 a.m., FIU Rugby Field (next to the soccer field). The First Annual FIU Turkey Bowl will take place. Everyone is asked to come and show their football skills. Free drinks will be served Sponsored by the Cultural and Social Committee.

FOOTBALL FANS,  
PLEASE ATTEND!

Congratulations to Roberta's winning cats.

Anyone interested in selling goods in the UH area (1st floor), contact the University Life-Environment SGA/UH 310.

## SGA NEWS

Students interested in organizing a German Club, please contact Der Pedro von Prado, 552-2241.

Any complaints about the university? Use SGA Complaint Forms available in UH 310.

Join the Womens Basketball & Tennis team-WOW!! For more information, call extension 2756.

Any North Campus student wishing to serve on the North Campus Council (N. Campus SGA) should contact Cheryl Altany at 940-5800.

Anyone interested in starting an amateur ham radio station here at FIU. Please contact Evan Gonshak in UH 310.

**Ad Manager needed,**  
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## Editorial

The "resignation" of Officer June Blair is an affront to the entire University community as well as a personal insult to the dignity of a deeply caring, deeply committed human being.

Administrators may, correctly or incorrectly, cite several rules requiring her dismissal for "abandoning her job" but the blatant appearance of the matter is that highly placed members of the administration have seized the opportunity provided by Ms. Blair's incapacitation and resulting absence to rid themselves of a "troublemaker."

Although even some critics of Police Chief Timothy Fenlon describe him as an able administrator, the events that have transpired since the questionable arrest of Professor Florentin Maurasse and Officer Blair's

firing lead one to an ugly but unavoidable conclusion: The words professionalism and efficiency are masks behind which are hidden certain insidious neo-fascist minds that have no place in public administration, least of all in a university environment.

The situation demands that Chief Fenlon's demoralizing presence at FIU be ended. Officer Blair must be immediately rehired with full back pay and benefits. All of those involved in Officer Blair's firing should issue her written apologies for their untenable actions.

In addition, we laud the efforts of Interim Executive Vice President Joe Olander to see to it that Officer Blair receive humane and equitable treatment. It is our hope and growing belief that in this man, FIU may place its faith for the future of this institution and the people it serves.



To the left we have Darth Vader. To the right — Obiwan Kenobi getting evaporated. "Star Wars," right? Nope, just Emilio Roblejo soaping down the cafeteria windows. He didn't say how he manages to stay dry doing it.

## Food Co-op forming

To the Editor:

A group of students, staffers, and faculty are establishing on campus a food co-op. The beneficial effect of a place where students can purchase quality foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices are inestimable.

We students must not continue our apathetic course here on campus, if this food cooperative is to succeed. Within the next two weeks there will be a survey conducted on campus to determine the interest and desire people have concerning the co-op.

The least we can do now (by we I mean the entire F.I.U. community) is to fill out the survey. The survey can be obtained and dropped off in the S.G.A. office, UH 311. For further information concerning the co-op, please contact me in UH 311 or call ext. 2121.

Michael Valancy

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## Crosby asked to investigate labor practices

Letter to President Crosby  
Date: October 6, 1977

The Career Service Senate is requesting your immediate action to a critical situation affecting the Career Service employees in the Department of Public Safety as well as in the entire University community.

It has been brought to our attention that many employees working in the Department of Public Safety are being subjected to extremely unfair treatment by the administration of that area. We are aware that several grievances, unfair labor practices, and EEOC complaints have been filed and are currently being processed. However, we believe that these are merely symptoms of a much larger and more serious problem. In addition, there are other employees in

that area who feel intimidated by the current administration and are afraid to formalize their complaints. Situations have already occurred in which deliberate retribution is more than a possibility.

It would seem that the employees in the Department of Public Safety must be guaranteed basic employee rights as well as a healthy work environment if they are to provide the service of guaranteeing our safety and security.

For these reasons the Career Service Senate has unanimously approved a motion to request a complete investigation of the internal personal policies and practices of the Public Safety Department by your office. Due to the extremely sensitive nature of these issues, we further request that you stop the suspension and/or termination of any Career Service employee in the Department of Public Safety until an investigation has been completed and reviewed by your office.

Susan Alvarez  
Chairperson, Career Service Senate

## Men's rights? NEVER!

In the wake of the federally-funded Women's Conference in Houston, a new organization has formed, demanding "men's rights."

Cosmo Pruitt of Tampa is the President of the National Endorsement of Virtually Everyone's Rights (NEVER). He says that his group will stand up for "men of all ages, religions, creeds and most races."

PRUITT'S first project will be to secure federal money for the establishment of an International Men's Year. He says that "if women can get a year, why not men?"

"One of the problems with the International Women's Year," Pruitt says, "is that it actually took three years. But then, what can you expect from a bunch of dames? Especially with help from Washington."

Pruitt says that NEVER's projected International Men's Year would be finished "within seven months, eight months tops. Women can't even have babies in that time."

"WHILE some women's groups push for ratification of the proposed 'equal rights amendment'," Pruitt says, "NEVER will lobby for repeal of the 16th Amendment, which gives Congress the power to collect income taxes. Everyone knows it is discriminatory, since men pay 59 per cent of all income taxes."

Asked if men don't make most of the income, Pruitt said, "I don't have that statistic. But I do know that males

are only 48.7 per cent of America's population. It's about time we call men what they are — an oppressed minority."

Pruitt continued, "It's so unfair. Men build the homes. Women stay in the homes doing nothing. And women are called homemakers!"

PRUITT says that he is not anti-women. "Some of my best friends are women. I was even married. Three times. Briefly." He adds that he feels

## Inspirational Message

whimsey by Bill Ashton

women are given too many privileges.

"Women can vote, work, run for office... and have kids to boot! Not that I'd condone booting kids. Don't misquote me."

NEVER claims 108 members, most of them unemployed stevedores. If the group receives the federal funding they seek, their International Men's year will end with a big "men's convention".

Pruitt hopes to pack the delegations with his friends, to ensure that the convention recommends repeal of the income tax amendment. "Just think," Pruitt says, "if our recommendation is enacted, the federal government will have a lot less money to play around with. Never again will tax money go to stupid things like the International Men's Year."

Pruitt says that NEVER is offering Americans a choice. "You can join the National Organization for Women or you can be smart. It's NOW or NEVER."

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# Unusual play offered by FIU Theatre Dept.

PHILIP LANE  
Staff Writer

"The Contractor" by David Storey, one of the most unusual plays to appear on stage in the last 10 years, will be presented by the Florida International University Theatre Department Nov. 30—Dec. 3, and again Dec. 7—11.

The physical framework and action of the play consists of the actual on-stage construction of a huge tent. The plot concerns a contractor of tents for festive occasions who erects a tent for his daughter's wedding. The interactions between the contractor's somewhat bourgeois family and the workmen putting up the tent, who constitute the literal "dregs of society," give the play the necessary contrast to make a powerful statement about our society. "The Contractor" is a hypnotic play that tells, without polemics, of the breakdown and re-establishment of a new order.

"The Contractor" will be presented in VH 100 with nightly performances at 8 p.m. Admission is free to FIU students, \$1.25 to students from other schools, and \$2.50 to the general public.



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## Calendar

TUESDAY  
November 22

- Psi Chi Meeting, 12:30 p.m., UH 316.
- Philosophy & Religion Assn. "Goeth's Phenomenological Approach to the Study of Nature," Dr. David Levine, Oklahoma State University, 4 p.m., DM 190.
- Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity, 12:30 p.m., UH 317.
- Student Club of American Society of Civil Engineers, 7 p.m., UH 213E. "Geotechnical Engineering" — Pat Rebull, P.E. — Nomination of officers — Amer. Soc. Civil Engineers, 6:30 p.m., UH 213E.
- Church of Jesus Christ, 7 p.m., UH 213W.
- Intramural Turkey Trot, faculty-staff-students, four age groups, sign up Rm. 202 Mod. Bldg., 9-5 p.m.
- WFIU-TV, 12:30 p.m., UH Forum.
- Leadership Development Seminar, 12:30 p.m., AT 135, "Communications Skills: Creating Effective Publications/Communications (part 1).
- Yoga Classes, UH 212B, 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY  
November 23

- Flying Club Meeting, 8:30 p.m., UH 317, all are welcome.
- Faculty Senate Meeting, 10 a.m.
- SGA meeting, 11 a.m., UH 140.

THURSDAY  
November 24

- Vets Club Meeting, 5 p.m., UH 315.
- SCHOOL CLOSED, TODAY AND TOMORROW. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

MONDAY  
November 28

- UBS, 12:30 p.m., UH 315.
- Flying Club, 7 p.m., UH 317.
- Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:30 p.m., UH 212B.
- Dietetics Assn. Meeting, 1 p.m., UH 150.
- Yoga Classes, 12:30 p.m., UH 212B.

TUESDAY  
November 29

- Studio Jazz Ensemble, UH Forum, 12:30 p.m.
- Church of Jesus Christ, 7 p.m., UH 213W.
- Baptist Campus Ministry Film, "Sunseekers," UH 140, 12:30 p.m.
- Future Attorneys, 12:30 p.m., UH 150.
- Yoga Classes, 12:30 p.m., UH 212B.

WEDNESDAY  
November 30

- SGA meeting, 11 a.m., UH 140.

THURSDAY  
December 1

- UBS, 12:30 p.m., UH 315.
- Alpha Phi Omega, 12:30 p.m., UH 317.
- International Students Assn., 12:30 p.m., UH 213W.
- Film, "Mass Transit," 12:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m., UH 210.
- Earth Science Slide Show, 7 p.m., UH 150.
- Yoga Classes, 12:30 p.m., UH 212B.
- Baptist Campus Ministry, 12:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., UH 316.
- Sailing Club meeting, 12:30 p.m., UH 213E, 12:30 p.m.
- SGA movie, "Mother Jugs & Speed," 12:30 p.m., UH 140.

## Job openings

### Part time

Merchandise Clerk needed M-F, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rate of pay is open.

Customer service and phone work positions available, 20-30 hrs/wk, nights and weekends, \$3.50/hour.

Clerk typist needed 1-5 p.m., M-F to type and file in legal dept., \$3.39/hour.

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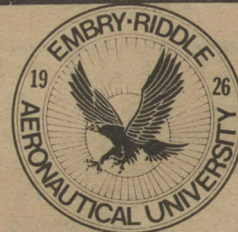
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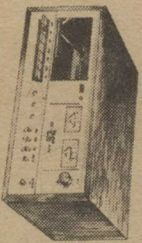
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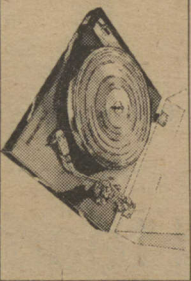
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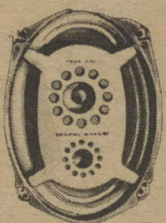
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# Soccer team advances in tourney

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Florida International University advanced in the NCAA Division II Soccer Tournament by defeating Maryland, Baltimore County 2-1 last week, in a game played at FIU.

A head shot by Neville Prince following a corner kick from Julio Alavez proved to be the margin of victory.

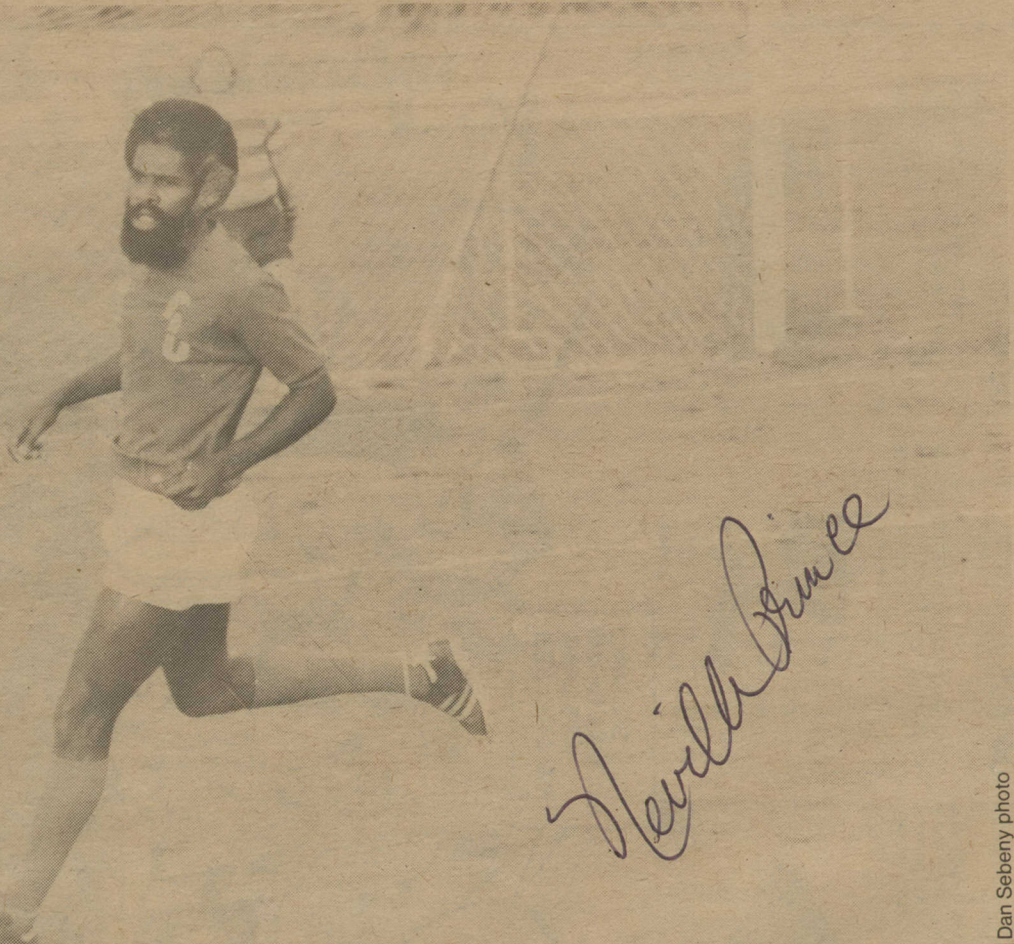
Strong defensive play was featured throughout the game, which had been tied 1-1 at halftime.

FIU scored first, just 12 minutes into the game when Avilez took a pass from Gary Pollack and scored.

But Maryland came right back to tie it up. Don Schlimm drilled a shot from 45 feet out to even the score.

The victory gave FIU a shot at Alabama A&M, a team with a 15-1 record. FIU is now 15-1-1.

Neville Prince scores the winning goal over the University of Maryland at Baltimore County as FIU wins 2-1 to advance to the regional final.



# Wrestling team opens season

The Sunblazer wrestling team officially opened the 1977-78 season Saturday by placing 3rd at the tough Orlando Invitational.

FIU achieved their 3rd place finish with eight wrestlers, while 1st place Florida used about 40 wrestlers and runner-up Florida Technological University entered 30 men in the tournament.

Co-captain Bill Hoke (137 lbs.) won three matches and lost two while placing 4th. Bill Sopko (161 lbs.) went 3-1 and placed 3rd. Frank Licitra (148 lbs.) went 3-1 and placed 2nd, while co-captain Phil Jones (heavyweight) went 2-1 and also placed 2nd.

Coach Sidney Hiutema said that the wrestlers have plenty of hard work



Coach Sid Hiutema

ahead to prepare for the Broward Holiday Tournament next Saturday at Fort Lauderdale.

FIU will play its first home match Dec. 10 at the Youth Fair Building. The opponents will be wrestling powerhouses Georgia Tech, Wright State (Ohio), and Hiram College (Ohio).

# Women's volleyball team places second in state

SCOTT EYERS  
Sports Editor

The volleyball team of Florida International University took second place in the FIAW State Volleyball Tournament last week. The tournament was held at Florida Technological University in Orlando.

FIU was unable to overcome a strong Florida Tech lead and thus finished second.

The Sunblazers started strongly by routing Rollins 15-1 and then beating them 15-11.

Jacksonville University was defeated twice by the Sunblazers. In their first match FIU scored 15-7 and 15-

12 victories. The second time around it was 15-13 and 15-7. Strong play by Wendy Martin was a contributing factor to winning both matches. She scored nine points in each match.

Florida Tech was the team that stymied the Sunblazers bid to win their third straight state championship. The first match was close, but Florida Tech came out on top by 15-11 and 15-10 scores. FIU had one last chance to come back. They couldn't. Florida Tech dominated the Sunblazers 15-2, then polished them off 15-12.

Both Florida Tech and Florida International will advance to the AIAW Regional Tournament in Mississippi.

## Women's Basketball tryouts

Anyone interested in trying out for the women's basketball team should contact Cindy Russo at 552-2756.

## Intramural Sports

Softball intramurals has begun. For those interested in joining a team, call Sid Heidema at 552-2756.

## FIU to host National Soccer Finals

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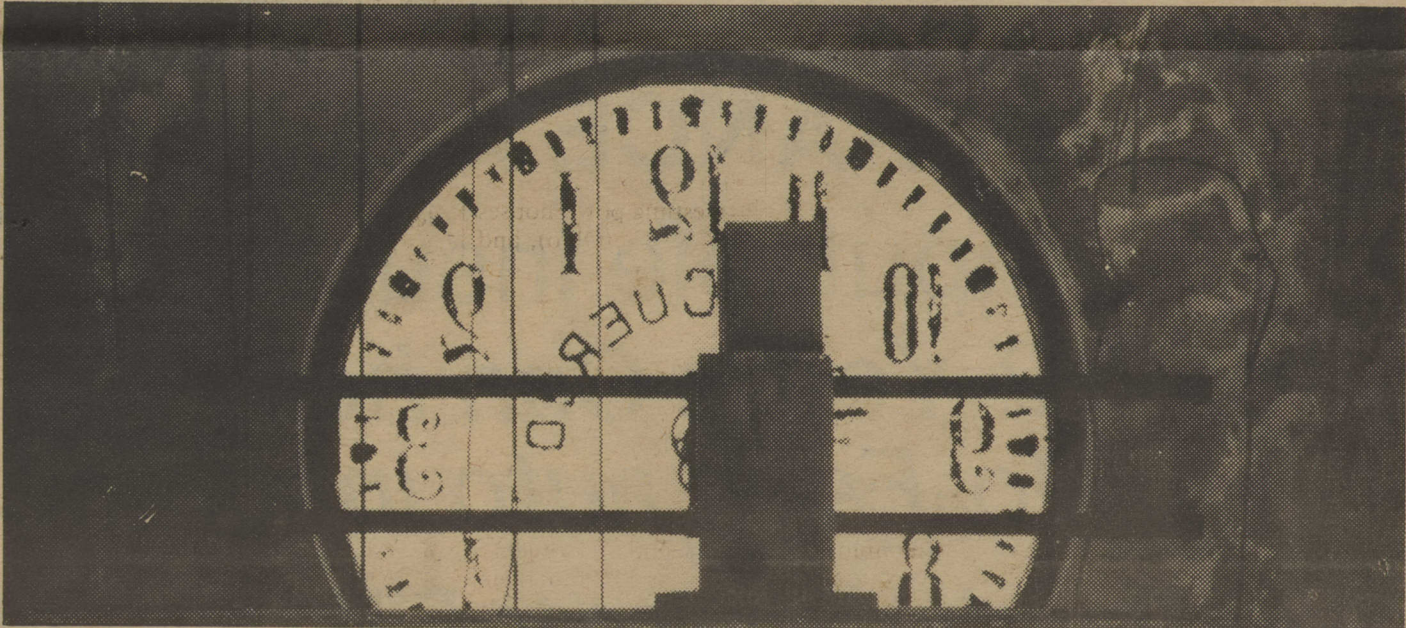
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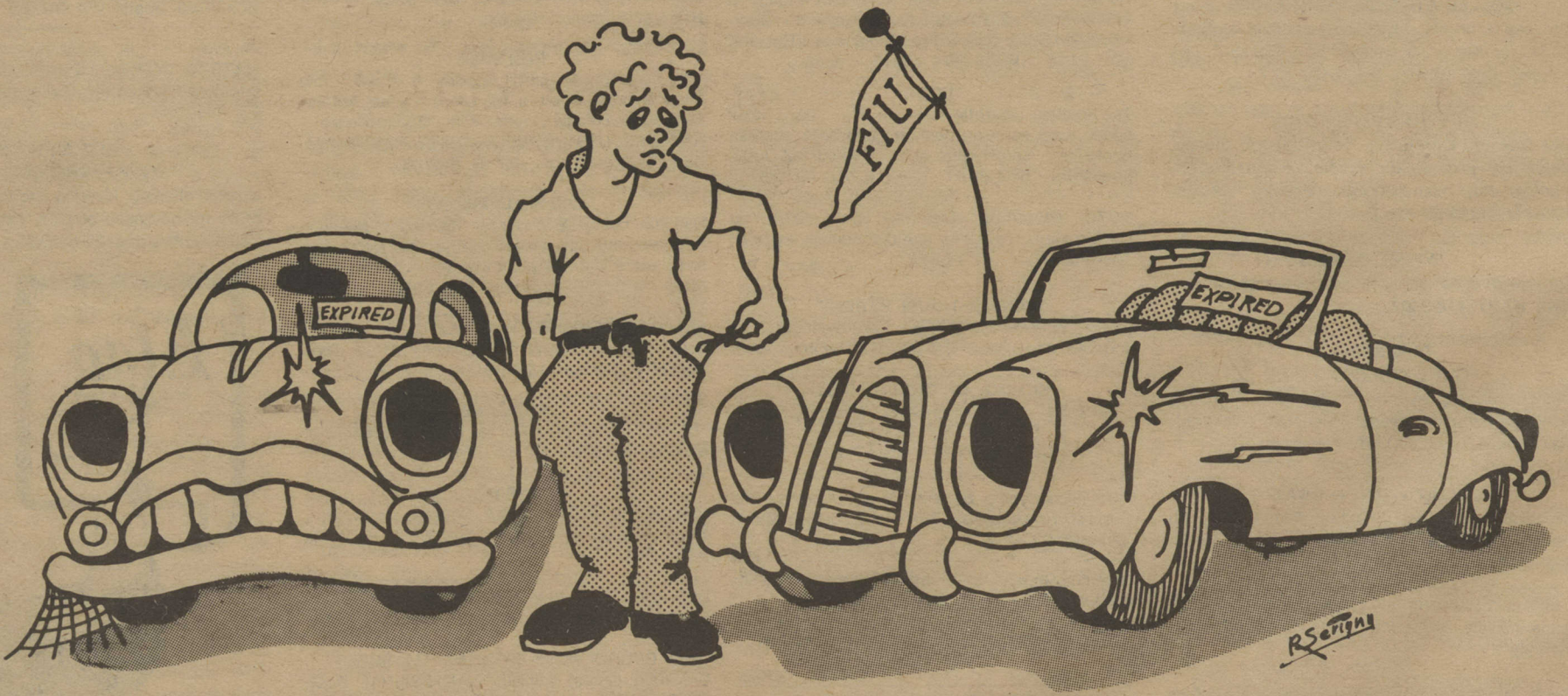
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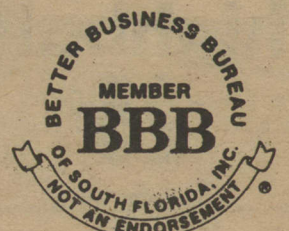
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