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University Foundation declines houseboat

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Staff Writer

The University Foundation has declined to accept the houseboat used in the 1960's television series, *Surfside Six*, as a gift to the North Miami Campus.

The 65-foot long, 30-foot wide houseboat was offered as a gift to FIU by its owners in order to obtain a tax write-off.

FIU development coordinator Francis Koestline said, "At first the offer came as a gift. But it turns out that FIU would have had to assume the mortgage, something like \$47,000, and the owners were about six months behind in their payments." The boat was once appraised at \$200,000.

The houseboat was being considered as a potential presidential residence for North Miami Campus.

But Koestline said the boat is in terrible condition. The most recent appraisal, which is two years old, indicates that repairs would be too costly. "It was not a good deal. In fact it would have been an overwhelming liability," said Koestline.

SGA Associate Chair-elect Cap Weinstein and outgoing Chairperson Clayton Hamilton have proposed a plan which would have the state council of student body presidents accept the houseboat. The council can take it as a as a tax deductible donation, while SGA cannot.

The SGA would then lease the boat and pay for its maintenance, according to Hamilton.

The former set of *Surfside Six*, which starred Troy Donahue as one of three adventurous private investigators, has two floors of about 1200 square feet each and a 30-foot long velvet and marlite bar valued at \$1500.

When it was no longer needed for the series, the boat was turned into a cocktail lounge and restaurant in New York. It returned to South Florida and became a cocktail lounge and corporate office while the Marina Bay Club, where it has been docked for more than a year, was under construction.



President Harold B. Crosby

BOR may protect Crosby, others

Dr. Joseph Olander, Dr. Judy Merritt, and FIU President Harold B. Crosby may be protected from personal financial risk in the civil and class action lawsuit recently brought against them by FIU's Black Employees Association.

The suit, charging racial discrimination in FIU employment practices, has been filed in US District Court.

A "Hold Harmless Resolution" to "protect" Olander, Merritt, and Crosby is on the Agenda for the Florida board of regents' meeting scheduled for May 1. If adopted, this resolution would stand between the defendants in the case and financial liability.

The basis for such resolutions is Section 240.221 Florida Statutes, which provides that, "Whenever any civil action has been brought against any officer or employee...in the state university system for any act or omission arising out of and in the course of the performance of his duties and responsibilities, the board of regents may defray all costs of defending such action."

If the resolution is adopted to "save harmless and protect" Olander, Merritt, and Crosby, thereafter all legal costs will be met by the BOR. These costs, specified in the resolution, would include "reason-

able attorney's fees and expenses together with costs of appeal," and would protect the defendants "from any financial loss" resulting from this suit.

Also in Court...

Another, unrelated suit has been brought against Crosby and Vice President of Administrative Affairs Ronald G. Arrowsmith, by Southeast Travel Agency, Inc., in a dispute about the awarding of a University contract. A "Hold Harmless Resolution" to protect Crosby and Arrowsmith in this suit is also on the BOR Agenda, to be considered for adoption at the meeting May 1.



KATHY LINDSAY
Editor

From student government to state legislature to the governor's mansion, nothing seems to be an intangible goal for H. Clayton Hamilton, outgoing chairperson of FIU's Student Government Association.

"I would like to be governor some day," Hamilton admits. "Florida and I were made for each other."

Hamilton, who has announced his bid for Florida House seat 117 in the September Democratic primary, said run-

SGA chair seeks legislative seat

Clayton Hamilton aims high

ning for the legislature is "something he has been working for in the last two years."

The only student in the race for districts 115-119, Hamilton will compete against two other candidates. He thinks his chances are good. His opponents are Emmett Benjamin, consultant for the FIU Labor Institute, and ex-legislator Bill Flynn.

Hamilton, 25, acknowledges that SGA was a stepping stone to the legislative race. "I knew when I ran for SGA that it was a microcosm of the real world and would be a training ground, offering an opportunity to deal with a million-dollar budget and with frustrations and exhilarations as part of the political-legislative process."

Education and tax reform would be Hamilton's main focuses in office. He would like to see increased funding for educational programs and envisions a state law school in south Florida within the next

ten years. "I think there is a need for more graduate and doctoral programs in urban areas to meet the needs of the place-bound students."

Although Hamilton is black, he claims his constituency consists of liberal, young and Latin voters. But, in an interview which appeared in the *Miami Times*, a black-oriented newspaper, he said, "If there could be any one thing that could be considered the theme of my (campaign) it would be 'We (blacks) want our fair share.'"

If elected, Hamilton will try to attract international business to south Florida. "I see international banking, commerce and tourism as major elements in the future of the area, especially with South America and the Caribbean," Hamilton said.

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Hamilton came to Miami in 1971 and

enrolled in Miami-Dade Community College. His attendance at Miami-Dade was interrupted by a two-year stint in the U.S. Navy. He returned to Miami-Dade to earn an Associate in Arts Degree in political science after toying with five different majors. He plans to graduate from FIU in December with a B.A. in public administration.

Hamilton is campaigning "door to door" since financial support is scarce and is using the ballot-by-petition process rather than paying the \$500 filing fee. He now has 1000 of the approximately 4000 signatures he needs for his petition.

Hamilton says that those interested in working with the "FIU Committee To Help Elect Clayton Hamilton" can contact Joe Broadus in UH 340 or call 552-2442. To assist in the petition drive or campaign, write to 11350 Dunbar Drive, 33176 or call 552-2121 or 238-1359.



Welcome back, Ruby Tuesday

The Ruby Tuesday film series continues this quarter at the North Miami Campus. Admission is free for FIU students and employees.

Films scheduled for the near future include "Murder by Death," April 25; "Uptown Saturday Night," May 2; "Towering Inferno," May 9; and "Blazing Saddles," May 16. The films are shown every Tuesday at 12:30, 4 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. in TC 148; sponsors include SGA and its North Campus Council.

International week brings diplomatic gathering

An "International Diplomatic Gathering" will be held in the form of a reception during International week for the purposes of uniting the "diplomatic core with the university." Local diplomats, all administration, faculty and students are invited to attend. The event, sponsored by the Students for International Understanding and President Crosby will be in the Presidential Suite May 11 at 7:30.

Teachers make education their business

FIU will offer undergraduate degrees in Business Teacher Education starting this September. Those earning the degree will be certifiable for teaching business-related subjects in Florida. Dr. George W. Vanover, who joined the FIU faculty this January, will head the program. For further information or counseling, contact Dr. Vanover at 552-2711.

Thank God it's Friday!

Experience "Friday Nite Fever" this Friday, April 28th. The Rat and the FIU community are sponsoring a Spring party under the stars by the fountain behind the Rat. Jazz/rock group "Lifeforce" and various special guests will provide the music. The Rat will have kegs of beer and a barbeque on hand. It all starts at 8 pm and continues until the late hours, so make a date to catch what will be a "definitely feverish happening."

Socialist accounting talk scheduled

Dr. Alicia Jaruga of the University of Lodz, Poland, will speak on "Social Accounting in a Socialist Economy" Monday, May 1, in DM 100. All faculty staff and students are cordially invited.

Hats off to graduation

FIU commencement exercises will be held on Sat., June 10, at 7 pm, at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Faculty and A&P personnel who need academic attire must contact Dick Lindsay at the Bookstore no later than April 28. Each dean must be notified of intention to participate so that faculty and staff seating can be arranged. Rental costs: doctoral cap and gown, \$7; hood, \$8; master's cap and gown, \$5.25; hood, \$6.25.



Photo by Iris Maher

SGA program funds down to last \$109

MELANIE MILLER
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association program fund has only \$109 left for the remainder of the quarter, according to outgoing SGA comptroller Martha Gasset.

Though \$7250 was set aside for the spring quarter program fund, the senate has encumbered \$6148 during its four spring meetings. The senate approved \$993 in allocations from the spring budget at meetings held during winter quarter.

A zero-based budgeting bill passed unanimously by the senate March 1 stated that the SGA must spend only what they have in each quarter's budget without dipping into the next.

The nine senate allocations include \$1400 to the Florida Student Association for lobbying in Tallahassee; \$1200 to the FIU theatre department to help produce "Anastasia", a Spanish play; \$900 to

the FIU food co-op for packing supplies, publication costs, stable inventory and necessary equipment; \$890 for the Southwest Regional Concrete Canoe Race; and \$535 to a student in food management to attend the Chicago Food Show (a national restaurant culinary arts salon).

A recent SGA constitutional amendment states that the senate shall have the power to approve the allocation of funds to "any FIU recognized student organization, or for any other purpose to benefit the student body in general."

SGA Associate Mark Hollfelder, who sponsored the Chicago Food Show resolution, says this type of event provides national visibility that puts FIU on the map and therefore he feels the event will benefit the student body in general.

Gasset and Hollfelder feel activities which draw recognition to FIU do benefit the student body.

Badia wins run-off playing musical seats

SGA Associate Mark Badia will give up his seat in the Senate this week—to take another seat in the Senate.

This is unusual because Badia had six months left in the Associate term the students of the School of Business elected him to serve last October. He could have sat out the recent spring elections and waited until next October to run again.

However, Badia remembered how close last fall's election results had been: he was third-highest vote-getter in a field of six, winning the seat by just one vote. By contrast, no students filed petitions to run for School of Business seats this spring, leaving the field wide open—even

for incumbents in the middle of their terms (like Badia).

Badia asked some people to vote for him, and tied incumbent Chrisherl Johnson in the regular election, with five votes each. Badia beat Johnson in last week's runoff, twelve votes to four.

Johnson, since February the only black Associate, leaves the Senate this week.

In the only other runoff election, Alicia Negrin won a one-year term as an Education Associate with four votes. Judy Whitt, with one vote, will serve a six-month term.

FIU considers additional funds for academic II

Several FIU administrators are investigating "the possibility of additional funds from other sources" to build North Miami Campus' proposed Academic II building.

Bids on the structure received at the beginning of the month were approximately \$2 million over the \$3.68 million budget set aside for construction of the planned student services center.

Vice President for Administrative Affairs Ron Arrowsmith said that university representatives met last week with the building's architects and members of the Florida Board of Regents' capital outlay committee. They

plan to seek money to build the originally planned full-service structure.

Arrowsmith said that building planners then concluded that if no more money was available for Academic II, there were only three possible courses to pursue.

"Redesigning the building would take 14 to 18 months, creating a problem with inflation," said Arrowsmith. "We could rebid. There could be some economizing, but it is doubtful we could build the building we want."

The third course would be equally unattractive: trying to renegotiate with the contractor.

Dr. Malcomb Gotterer, political action chairperson of United Faculty of Florida, presents a check from UFF to Marvin Dunn, demonstrating UFF support of Dunn's candidacy for the Florida State Legislature. Dr. Robert Hogner, president of the FIU chapter of UFF, presents his congratulations.

NCC action raises query on Sunshine Law

MARTA M. CASAS
Staff Writer

A recent North Campus Council (NCC) action, keeping the minutes of NCC meetings confidential until they are approved, has been called a possible violation of the Florida Sunshine Law by SGA associate Jim McDonald. A representative of the School of Technology, McDonald believes the NCC should be abolished.

The proposal made by NCC member Marc Singer states that "the tape recordings of our (NCC) meetings be kept confidential until the minutes are approved and amended; and then destroyed." This would prevent students' access to any information which might embarrass the council.

NCC chairperson, Rick "Cap" Weinstein, who will assume office as Associate Chair of the Student Government Association (SGA) tomorrow, said the NCC has a new secretary who has never taken minutes and wants to record them in order to check out mistakes. "There's no point in keeping the recordings—that's why they are being destroyed. After all, its not like they're for publication. Besides, the meetings are open," said Weinstein.

NCC secretary Beryl Glansburg said only official agenda material is transcribed from the tapes. She said informal discussion is not written into the minutes. "Only those issues proposed, passed and tabled are kept in the minutes."

When asked why the minutes were to be kept confidential, Weinstein replied, "You'd better talk to Marc about that. I can't remember."

Singer said the proposal was not meant to hinder official business but rather to keep side conversations confidential.

The proposal has prompted SGA associate Jim McDonald to say he will raise his tabled bill to abolish the NCC during the next SGA meeting.

McDonald said the NCC has been uncooperative, secretive, detrimental to the students and damaging to the reputation of SGA. "It is my hope that when this bill abolishing the NCC is passed, the North Campus task force will appoint a body of duly elected senate members who will act in the interim in the best interest of the students of the North Miami Campus."

The interim McDonald refers to is the time before the new North Miami budget committee, elected by the students of that campus, takes office. Existing SGA legislation directs that an election for the committee must be held this quarter, and that the NCC will dissolve at that time.

Singer feels the SGA has "screwed up" North Miami Campus enough. "If they want to abolish the only thing that has done and good for NMC, let them do it."

The International answers those curious questions

Members of the *International* staff are often asked about the inner workings of the student newspaper. Questions such as "Who runs the paper?", "How do they get their money?" and "How do they decide what to print?" are the most common.

In the interest of an informed student body, the editors have put together the following facts about the *International*:

The *International* is an independent student organization, registered with the university. It began as *The Good Times* (changing its name officially in the summer of 1976) and still uses *The Good Times* policies and procedures.

The *International* is run by a management board, consisting of the editor, managing editor, news editor, advertising manager, and business manager. The members of the board are elected every six months. All those who have been members of the *International* staff during the six months preceding the election are eligible to vote.

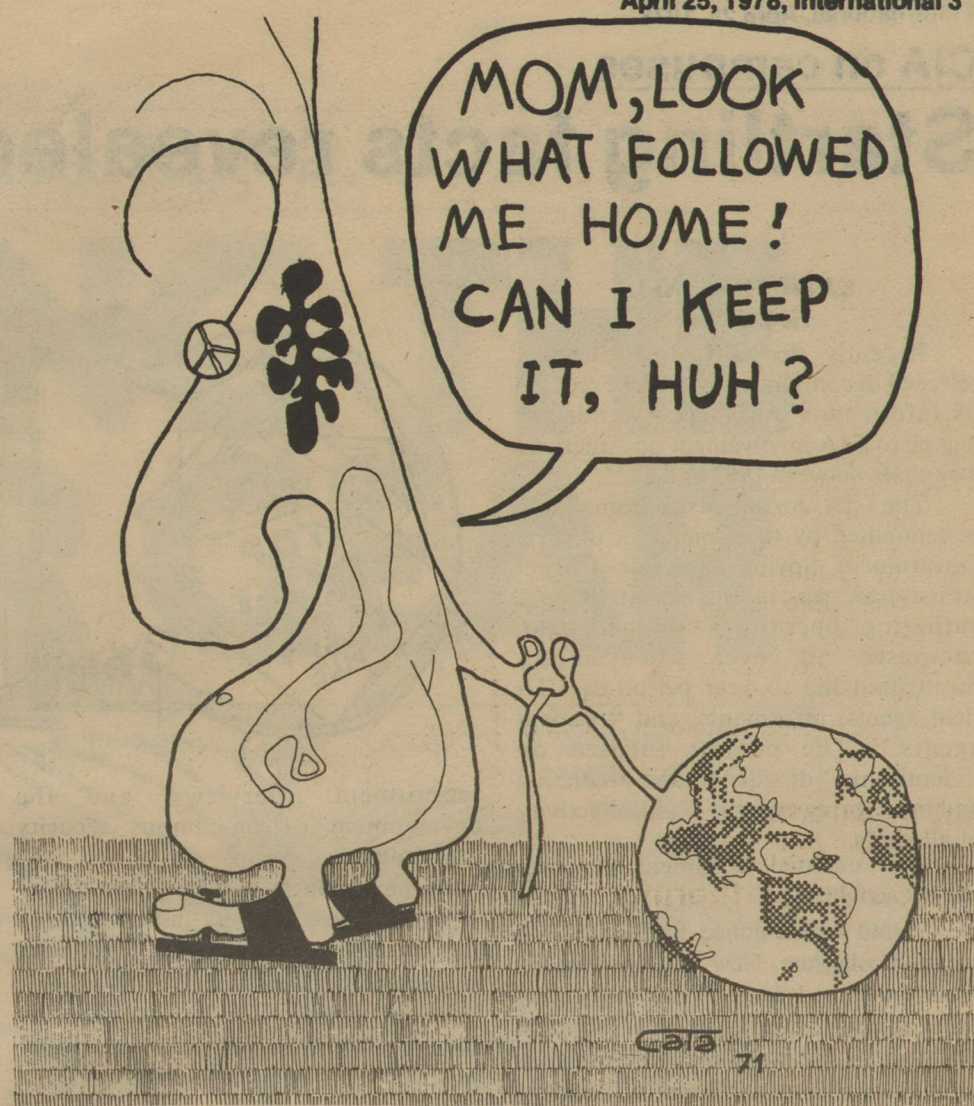
The management board decides advertising policies and staff salaries. It approves expenditures, and decides how often to print, who to hire, and where to get the printing done. Typesetting is done in the *International* office, with the paper's electronic typesetting machine.

Editorial policies are set by the editorial board, which includes the editor, managing editor, news editor, sports editor, and other section editors.

All money for producing the *International* comes from advertising revenue. FIU and the Student Government Association are free to buy ads, but have no official connection with the paper or its policies.

The student newspaper's stance against direct grants or support since its inception as *The Good Times* in 1973, has insured its independence. The paper has no faculty or administration adviser.

Any student or FIU employee can submit material to the *International*; submissions must be typed and double spaced. All letters must be signed.



Leadership pays off — with \$1000 scholarship

DEBBIE FETTERLY
Contributor

A \$1000 scholarship will be given to an outstanding undergraduate or graduate student beginning this year at the Awards Day Ceremony.

Nominations are presently being accepted for this leadership and service award. The nominee must be a degree-seeking student, be enrolled during the current academic year (Summer quarter 1977- Spring quarter 1978), and be involved in leadership and service activities (campus and/or community).

A student may be nominated by another student, a professor, or himself.

Nomination forms will be available in the Dean's Office of the School and College and in any Student Affairs Office, including Admissions and Records (PC 130), Financial Aid (PC 125), Student Activities (UH 211), Student Development (UH 340), Student Government (UH 310), Student Development North Miami (TC 110), and Admissions and Records North Miami (TC 145). Nominations are to be sent to Student Activities, UH 211, by May 1.

"This is the first time the award's ever been given," Lillian L. Kopenhaver, Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, said. "This award could almost get a person his masters degree and aid him in finishing his education here at FIU."

The \$1000 must be used between Summer quarter 1978 and Spring quarter 1980, according to Kopenhaver. She adds that the winner can be either a part-time or full-time student.

Three finalists will be selected for interviews by a selection committee, and then the winner will be chosen. One

representative from each of the four senates and two Student Affairs representatives will serve on this committee.

Judy Merritt, vice president of Student Affairs, will present the award at the Awards Day Ceremony June 9. Each year's winning student will have his name engraved on a permanent plaque on display in the University House. The student will receive a special framed certificate for himself in addition to the scholarship money from Financial Aid.

LETTERS

In defense of "Miss Jones"

Editor:

In a recent issue of the *International*, an editorial presented a slanted view of the issue of whether or not the film, *The Devil in Miss Jones*, should be shown on campus.

The author of the piece, who happens to be the paper's news editor, is completely uninformed about the matter and should have researched the matter before writing an erroneous and misleading editorial. Anita Bryant she will never be.

The fact she is most bothered by is "The irresponsible use of student funds." She is wrong. The movie, was decided by the committee, will be paid out of the Social and Cultural

committee's off-campus, non-A&S, private account. So much for that innaccuracy.

Before going ahead with the ordering of the movie we talked to the lawyer on campus, in addition to several university administrators. Since there are no local or state statutes dealing with or restricting the showing of an X-rated film on campus, we went ahead with the decision to show it.

As for Harry Reems, the argument against his coming is shot from the start. He has not been on campus and has not at any time been contracted to do so. The editorial, by supressing information, gave the view he was already to come to campus. Again not so.

As for Reems' credentials as a speaker, she should have been reading some of the national headlines he provoked when arrested and tried in Memphis, Tennessee on an obscenity charge. The charge was brought about by his starring role in his earlier film *Deep Throat*. Right now the case is in the Supreme Court.

That in itself is thought-provoking enough to be heard on a college campus.

We have thought of bringing Reems on campus and will keep the thought entertained for the night of June 9th when we will show the film. If any doubts remain on the redeeming social value of either the film or Reems' lecture can come to the office of the Social and Cultural committee and I will show them

letters from colleges and universities across the nation that have included either in their programs.

The film will be shown on June 9th and if our budget permits it we will bring Reems to lecture. So all of those back-door moralists better dust off their picket signs because freedom of speech will prevail. Don't like it don't see it, nobody is forcing students to walk in and sit in the theater.

ANDY TAPANES
Social & Cultural Chairperson

News editor's response

My first response to Mr. Tapanes' letter was to judge that its author suffered from a problem in reading comprehension; obviously he entirely missed the point of what I wrote.

On further reflection (and a second reading) however, I am rather impressed by Mr. Tapanes' creativity. He has gone beyond a mere failure to understand; he has developed an impressive capability for inventive reading. He is not content with the ordinary, even pedestrian mode—i.e. actually reading the target material; making a thoughtful (and honest) attempt to understand the author's intent as well as his words; and responding to both in an intelligent, well-considered way.

Mr. Tapanes has developed a whole new method of criticism. It permits him

to "quote" words that never appeared in my editorial; to refute (resoundingly) arguments that I never made; and even to accuse me of attempting to suppress free speech. I applaud his imaginative ability. Somehow he is able to convert a criticism of sexist modes of seeing into something resembling the celebrated prejudices of Miss Anita Bryant...

Human rights?

The following is an April 21st letter sent to Minnie Dunbar, a member of the Executive Committee, Black Employees Association:

Dear Ms. Dunbar:

I read in this morning's Miami Herald an open invitation to attend the Black Employees Association Faculty's program "FIU Black Faculty Strives for Human Rights" scheduled for 8:00 pm, April 21. I would have attended this program, for I too am concerned with human and people rights, but unfortunately your group planned this program on the eve of a very important Jewish holiday. For a group that professes to be so concerned with human rights, I find your date selection to be offensive and totally inconsiderate of everyone's human rights.

Sincerely,
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CIA on campuses

Startling facts revealed by documents

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News Editor

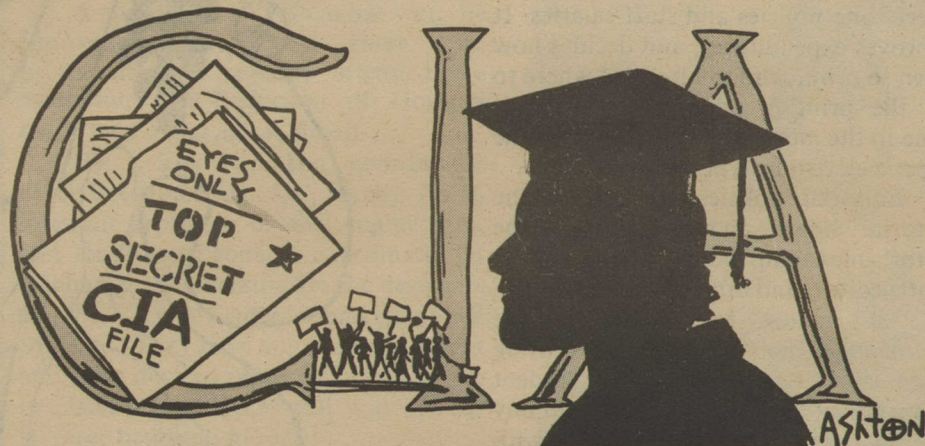
Recently declassified documents, released in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, reveal a startling degree of CIA involvement on American campuses between 1967 and 1973.

The CIA documents, obtained and disseminated by the Campaign to Stop Government Spying, describe Project Resistance, an intensive intelligence gathering operation conducted on campuses all over the country throughout the six-year period by CIA field agents, informants, and "resident agents." The project focused on "identifying" dissidents; and predicting and monitoring campus political activity of all kinds.

One undated document describes project activities:

"Until further notice, field offices will monitor collegiate, New Left and 'underground press' coverage of university campuses in their jurisdiction. Information pertinent to militants and activists, their identities and organizational affiliations, their leaflets and propaganda materials, etc., will be forwarded to headquarters on a regular basis no less than once weekly. Particularly desired are indications of the effectiveness of the militants and their ability to mobilize students of only passive or curiosity-seeking interests. Headquarters is interested in all areas of student militant dissent, both local 'causes' and those related to national and international problems."

This effort was to be used to "gain intimate familiarity with the names of persons, organizations involved, and the effect of the activities." Much of the information collected by agents in Project Resistance proved useful in the scheduling of on-campus CIA



recruitment interviews, and the development of on-campus security techniques.

One document, headed "Operational Support for Recruitment," lists 30 colleges and universities at which CIA recruiters were provided 'direct support' by the CIA's Office of Security. It lists the dates on which the interviews took place, and briefly describes the 'type of support' provided in each instance.

According to this document, "support to the recruiters took the form of direct support on the campus, arranging for alternate interviews in federal buildings near the campus, checking with campus officials and local police units in advance of the recruiter's visit to determine the extent of any dissident protests on the day of the recruiter's visit, and coordination with various organizations such as the FBI, state and local police, and military intelligence organizations..." (Another document makes it clear that members of such "military intelligence organizations" included Air Force, Army, and Navy personnel.)

The document goes on to report that CIA field offices had "responded extremely well" to requests for their support. "They used existing contacts at the various colleges, developed new informants, and came up with

information that would indicate that they attended some of the dissident meetings." They "developed files on the universities and colleges." They "came to know all the campus security people."

By January, 1975, the CIA expressed confidence that it had developed "the ability to give an excellent prediction on the possible dissident activity at the various campuses," based on information already gathered, on-campus sources established, and facts still coming in.

NEXT WEEK: CIA PROSE (The CIA characterization of the President of a major university as a "pusillanimous exemplar;" the use of the terms "creeps" and "bearded ones;" and the formidable CIA pronoun, "They.")

Common course numbering- advantage or threat?

BILL SOPKO
Contributor

An October 1977 article in *The Alligator*, the University of Florida's student newspaper, implied that the new course numbering system to be implemented this year poses a "threat" to students.

The Alligator quoted Harold Stahmer, Associate Dean of UF's College of Arts and Sciences, as saying, "We're going berserk in our college because we know the students are going to suffer when they apply to graduate schools. If we are not able to retain our current, well-established system, the students will be pushed aside by out-of-state graduate schools. A person reviewing a graduate school application has only 15 or 20 minutes to evaluate a student's records. That is not enough time to check the new complex prefixes, and the officials will overlook these confusing records for other, more readable applications."

However, the State of Florida's Department of Education conducted a survey in an attempt to clear up the notion that the new statewide course numbering system would in any way endanger the students. Selected for the survey were universities ranking among the top ten nationally in fields including architecture, business, law, dentistry, education, engineering, library science, medicine, music, nursing, optometry, pharmacy, public health, social work, theology and veterinary medicine.

The survey asked the following question: "Would a student's application for admission to either an undergraduate or graduate major department be denied, delayed, or otherwise given a lower priority for evaluation or acceptance if the course designation alpha prefixes in the major field varied, as recorded on the student's transcript?" Of the 42 institutions surveyed, 34 responded, and all answered no. Several expressed surprise that the question had ever been asked.

Several major universities accompanied their response to the survey with additional remarks. Rutgers University answered, "Not only would alpha prefixes have no negative effect, your system might also be useful to committees." Princeton University responded, "The question, as you stated in your letter, is unnecessary. How could anyone vary their assessment of a candidate on the basis of prefixes for courses on transcripts?" The University of Georgia answered, "The idea that it (a course numbered under the new system) would not count is preposterous. Georgia may attempt a course numbering system very soon." Ohio State answered, "We really only care about the quality of performance in courses, however labeled." Colorado State University answered, "This is a really heavy academic matter. It is amazing the time we waste on trivia. May God bless your efforts and may his cup runneth over on those concerned professors, or whoever."



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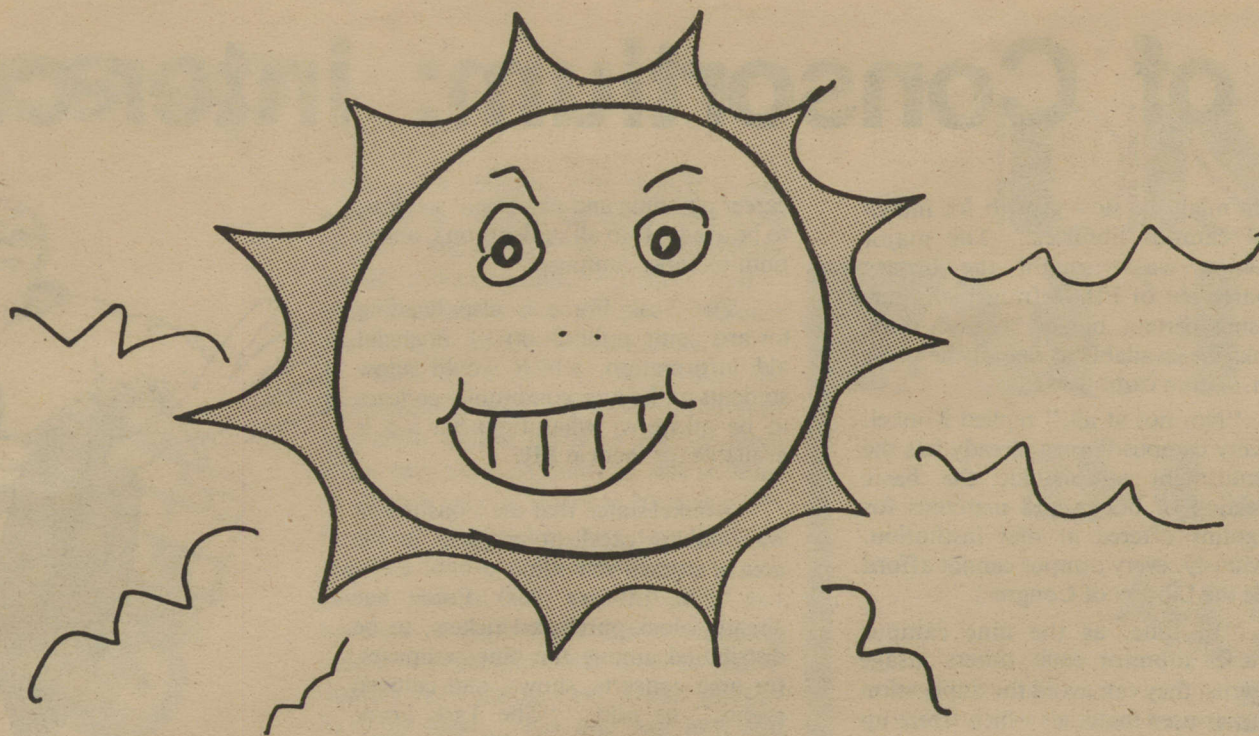
tracking. Use an economical car. *In unscheduled driving avoid rush hours. Start-stop driving in heavy traffic uses more gasoline per minute than steady driving. *The best way to save on gasoline is to walk, bus or ride a bicycle.

Suggested reading: A set of ten "answer books" that provide information on many aspects of owning a car, particularly maintenance and driving techniques that promote fuel economy, is free from Shell Oil Co., P.O. Box 61609, Houston, Texas 77208.

Tip Off. Student Consumer Law: The Office of Education (OE) has issued new rules that will give prospective and enrolled students of colleges and postsecondary vocational schools information about available financial assistance, repayment obligations and criteria used by educational institutions to select financial aid recipients. This important information was made effective Jan. 12, 1978. For details write or call Leo L. Kornfield, Office of Education, Regional Office Bldg. 3, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone 202-245-8595.

Tip Off. Students...Speak Out On Travel...Should young people be given discount air fares? The Civil Aeronautics Board wants public comments on the question, plus other questions related to youth fares. A recent law ordered the CAB to report on feasibility and economic impact of youth standby fares. The CAB asks that comments be sent to Docket 31871, Room 711, Universal Building, 1825 Connecticut Ave., Washington, DC 20428. If you now travel or plan to travel...Make Yourself Heard...get involved, voice an opinion!

Consumer Tip Off is your feature column. If there is any way I may personally help or guide you with your consumer problem, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to me, Sylvia Cronin, care of this publication.



Sun Day will never be the same

PETE KOLB
Staff Writer

Sun Day, a national celebration of the sun, will feature events and festivities focusing on solar energy including concerts and other events at FIU's Tamiami Campus, and an attempt to build a record-length clothesline.

The official, national Sun Day is Wednesday, May 3; in addition, Miami sponsors of the event have scheduled a Sun Day Solar Fair and Picnic for 1 pm on Sunday, May 7, at Bicentennial Park in downtown Miami.

Events at FIU's Tamiami Campus

Activities begin at 5:30 pm Wednesday with a PACE concert featuring Herald Square, a pop-rock group. The concert will be at FIU's new environmental preserve on the west side of campus near the baseball diamond. The public is invited, and sponsors of the event suggest bringing a brown bag dinner. Herald Square will perform a second time at 7 pm.

At 7:30 pm the new environmental preserve will be officially dedicated. Dr. John Parker, Assistant Director of the FAU-FIU Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems, will give a brief description of the history and purpose of the preserve. Then FIU Executive Vice President Dr. Joseph Olander will officially dedicate the preserve by unveiling a marker and an artist's sketch of the completed project. The seven-acre preserve will eventually contain native hardwood trees, a swampy area, walking trails, picnic areas and experimental organic gardens.

As the sun sets, a modern sun dance will be performed by Poldi Orlando and Friends.

From 8:30-10 pm, Dr. Arthur Bowen of the University of Miami will present an exhibit and lecture on "Solar Energy and Architecture" in University House 140. In addition, Dr. Bowen's solar exhibit of 125 posters and 60 slides depicting various uses of solar energy will be on display at FIU, May 3-12.

The Five-Mile Clothesline

On May 3, starting at 9 am, students from FIU, the University of Miami, and local high schools plan (believe it or not) to string a five-mile clothesline, or "low-cost solar energy clothes dryer." The line will be stretched from Crandon Park (near the zoo) to the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine Science on Virginia Key. Sponsors hope to win a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for building the world's longest clothesline. Radio station WSHE will cover the event live.

Volunteers to help string the super clothesline are needed—and will be served lunch at the completion of the "stringing" in return for their efforts. Anyone desiring to volunteer can call 552-2536 for further information.

Solar Fair and Picnic

The Sun Day Solar Fair and Picnic will be at Bicentennial Park in downtown Miami from 1-5 pm, Sunday, May 7. A shuttle bus will be available between Bayfront and Bicentennial Parks.

Activities will include PACE concerts

from 1-3 pm by the National Picks, a bluegrass group, and from 3-5 pm by Mike Gillis and Company featuring Elliot Lawrence, a jazz-rock group.

Also featured will be solar exhibits and displays, and solar organic displays on gardening, foods and nutrition. Members of FIU's Food Co-op will be participating.

Those wishing to heat their lunches will be able to do so in solar ovens. All facilities and events are free and open to the public.

Among the sponsors of Sun Day are: FIU Student Government Association, Florida International University, and the FAU-FIU Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems.

Weekly CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 26th

- ★ Psi Chi Club, UH 315, 12:30-2:30 pm
- ★ SGA meeting, UH 150, 11 am-3 pm
- ★ Helen Baker Memorial Scholarship Auditions in AT 100, 10 am

Thursday, April 27th

- ★ Baptist Campus Ministry, UH 316, 12:30 pm
- ★ UBS meeting, UH 317, 12:30 pm
- ★ Int'l Students meeting, UH 213 E, 12:30 pm
- ★ Movie ("Pink Flamingoes"), UH 140, 12:30 pm
- ★ "Miami String Quartet" will perform in AT 100, 7:30 pm

Friday, April 28th

- ★ Fed. of Cuban Students, UH 315, 12:30 pm
- ★ Movie ("Pink Flamingoes"), UH 140, 7:30 pm
- ★ The Women's Golf Team will play the University of Georgia Invitational in Athens, Georgia, April 28th-30th
- ★ "Friday Night Fever", Fountain Area, 8 pm till ????

Monday, May 1st

- ★ Pre-Med Society meeting, UH 213, 12:30 pm

Tuesday, May 2nd

- ★ African Student Assoc., UH 316, 12:30 pm
- ★ Future Attorneys Assoc., UH 150, 12:30 pm

SGA NEWS

Federation of Cuban Students meets every Friday, 12:30 p.m. UH 315.

SFIU meets Tuesdays. Those interested in the International Diplomatic Gathering on May 11, 1978 should phone 552-2121.

Young Republicans? Call Ed Rivas at 552-2121.

Sociology/Anthropology meeting will be Thurs., April 14.

International Students Club meeting every Thursday—UH 213E, 12:30 p.m. International Week coming up! Get Involved!!

University Health Clinic Committee has positions available for students. Contact ext. 2121, come to UH 150, Wed., April 26 at 11 a.m.

The task force to review time block designations needs 3 students: One to represent day classes, one to represent evening classes, and one to represent the North Campus. Come to UH 150 at 11 a.m. on April 26.



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Two sides of Consortium: inter-campus co-op

BILL SOPKO
Staff Writer

FIU students, staff and faculty at Tamiami and North Miami campuses now have greater access to library materials on seven other South Florida campuses besides our own.

A program, arranged by the Southeast Florida Educational Consortium, involves the sharing of library resources at all FIU, Broward, and Miami-Dade Community College campuses.

If a student at any one of the Broward, Dade or FIU campuses can not find the book he desires at his home campus library, he can put in a request for that book. The library will check the student's request against their list of books from the other Consortium campuses, make contact with the appropriate school, and have the book mailed to the student's home campus.

"To speed this process up, the library task force is suggesting that the shuttle service which runs between the area community colleges include in their deliveries the inter-library loans. We hope this will be implemented by September," said Dr. Richard Konkel, Executive Director of the Educational Consortium.

Konkel said, "It is presently not possible for a student to go to the campus of another institution and check out the book right there. That is one of our immediate goals, and it will be proposed at the April 20th Steering Committee meeting."

Some concern has been expressed about the possibility that in the long run, the result of this library-sharing pro-

gram might be slow growth for individual campus libraries. The major question was: might the library department of FIU refrain from purchasing certain books because those books are available at one of the other Consortium campuses?

"No, not at all," replied Konkel. "Every campus library already has the commitment to provide the basic collection of books and materials for programs offered at that institution. Obviously, every campus cannot afford to be the Library of Congress."

"In time, as the nine campus libraries monitor each others' usage patterns, they can avoid the duplication of lesser-used materials which freeze up monies which can be devoted to purchases of other materials in greater demand," he added.

According to Konkel, the Consortium is also making fine progress toward realizing many of its other goals.

The Steering Committee has approved a simplified application procedure for Broward and Miami-Dade students wishing to enroll at FIU. The student stops at his/her home campus office and fills out a small transfer card. The application information and students' transcripts are then transferred by computer tape to FIU.

"This represents a great savings in time, travel and convenience for the student," said Konkel.

The Task Force of the Consortium is also proposing the joint purchase of audio visual supplies for the nine Consortium campuses, as of July.

Also being proposed by the Consortium Task Force are cooperative

career planning and placement services, to be available to all students on Consortium-member campuses.

The Task Force is also heading toward joint publication of financial aid information, which would allow students at the area community colleges to be aware of what financial aid is available for them at FIU.

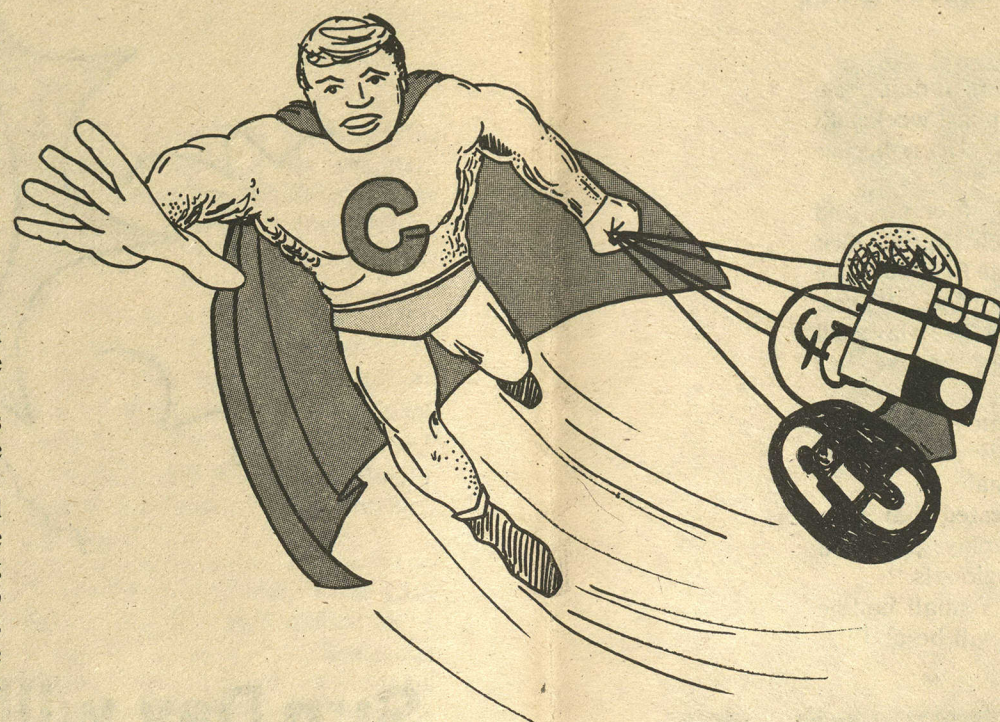
Konkel stated that the Consortium was making excellent progress in the area of student activities.

"The Library Task Force has already block-purchased tickets, to be distributed among the nine campuses, for area concerts, shows, and cultural events," he said. "The Task Force has also arranged for the block-booking of guest lecturers, artists and groups to appear on all nine campuses. This was done at a much lower cost than if the schools had made arrangements individually."

The Library Task Force plans to publish a calendar of events so that students from each of the nine campuses would know what activities are open to them at the other campuses.

Konkel said, "These goals are all target-dated, and it's merely a matter of time until they begin."

The ultimate goal of all these smaller goals is to strengthen the articulation of the academic programs. Perhaps by development of four-year program sheets (a target accomplishment for the Consortium), the students can receive better, more specific guidance towards achieving their educational goals and receiving their degrees. It will be as though all nine campuses were one institution."



BILL SOPKO
Staff Writer

Although Dr. Konkel has expressed no reservations about the effectiveness of the Consortium, there are others who recognize several problems which may arise.

Mary Volcansek-Clark, Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, feels that the Consortium is basically a good idea, but is concerned whether we will be able to treat the community colleges as our lower division without confusing the students. She wonders about differences students may encounter between course counseling at lower division and upper division levels, since community college requirements and ours may differ.

"Another possible problem in coordinating the two systems is that the community colleges are on a semester plan, and we are on a quarter system," said Volcansek-Clark. "We want them to switch to the quarter system, and vice versa."

"This leads to what I feel is the main problem," said Volcansek-Clark. "It (the Consortium) is kind of like the United Nations, where nobody has any real authority over anyone else. The United States may tell the Soviet Union they have to do such and such—but the Soviet Union can say, 'So what?'. The same may be true within the Consortium..."

Volcansek-Clark feels that the need for the Consortium is genuine, since about 80 percent of FIU students are graduates of Dade or Broward community colleges; and better communication between the

lower and upper divisions could conceivably make academic life much easier for the students involved. "If we can work with the community colleges to alleviate student problems, the Consortium could be a very beneficial project," she said.

Lynn Berk, Associate Professor of English, agrees that some coordination regarding almost every aspect of education is needed, as long as the majority of students at FIU are from Dade and Broward community colleges.

However, Berk feels that with or without the Consortium, students need to deal with two separate educational institutions. "One of the problems stemming from this is that the expectations of the

community colleges, with regard to students' skills, may be different from those of FIU," she noted. "If FIU plus a community college actually equalled a four-year institution, we could coordinate standards for academic achievement."

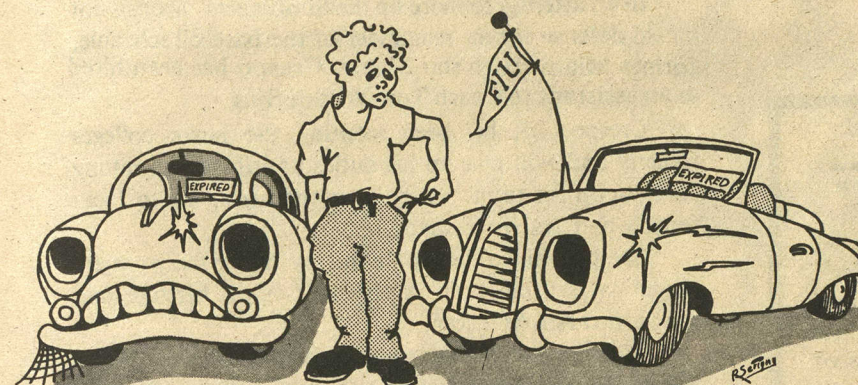
Berk feels that in some cases the differences in standards reflect differences in teacher course loads—a teacher from Dade may teach as many as five sections of English with as many as 30 students in a class. "A teacher with that kind of teaching load cannot individualize," she said. "We at FIU might suggest that teachers at Dade have lighter teaching loads, in order to permit them to individualize instruction—but Dade doesn't have to listen. No one has any real authority to effect coordination."

"Another difficulty with the Consortium," said Berk, "is that the community colleges and FIU represent completely different administrative structures. This makes coordination of activities, standards, and offerings difficult, if not impossible."

(Within the state education system, FIU and the community colleges answer to two different "bosses." FIU answers to the Board of Regents and the community colleges answer to the Department of Education.)

"These are my basic concerns," said Berk. "The Consortium sounds good in principle, but real coordination between the community colleges and FIU may prove difficult. As long as the first two years of college-level education are taken in a community college system and the second two years at FIU, some problems will exist. The Consortium is better than no coordination at all—but let's not be naive about what it can accomplish."

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SPORTS

Tennis team places third in state tournament



Kevin Ruffler rounds third base after a homer at the 325 feet marker in left field.

Despite late rally, UM beats FIU, 10-6

Cyndi Burton
Contributor

Last Tuesday, in one of their more exciting games this season, the FIU Sunblazers' baseball team lost (10-6) to their strongest rival, the University of Miami.

The game got off to a good start with FIU taking the lead in the second inning. Jose Fernandez got on base with a bunt, stole second (his 17th stolen base this season), and a base hit by Don Jacoby drove him in.

However, UM countered with three runs in the fourth inning and maintained this lead throughout the game. Kevin Ruffler's homerun drove in three men on base. Five runs were scored that inning, making the score 8-2.

This inning Scott Hodge replaced Dan Ledduke, FIU's starting pitcher. Taking the loss, Ledduke's pitching record is now 6-3.

With the pressure really on, FIU began to rally in the seventh inning. George Karr's triple enabled two men to score, making the score 9-4. However, the rally was short-lived: a double play while the bases were loaded finished the inning.

Again, in the eighth and ninth innings, with bases loaded, FIU had a chance to break open the game—but couldn't come up with a key hit. They threatened UM, but couldn't overtake them.

Fernandez had the exceptional record of 4-4 hits and one walk this game. Ruffler's homerun, Karr's triple and singles by Jacoby, Campbell, Snyder and Becker made up FIU's other six hits (totaling 10) to UM's 18.

FIU will have a chance to reverse the score when they take on Miami on May 3 at UM's Mark Light field at 7:30 p.m.

NCAA rates FIU high

Sunblazer sluggers Kevin Ruffler and Keith Snyder have placed prominently in recent NCAA Division II schools' statistics.

The statistics released after the team had a 16-11 record show Ruffler leading the nation with 35 RBIs, placing second in the doubles category with 13.

Snyder placed 17th nationwide with a .414 average and was again on the charts with eight home runs, placing seventh in that category.

As a team, FIU placed fifth in team scoring with 197 runs.

BATTING						
	AB	H	R	RBI	HR	AVG.
Snyder	124	52	32	36	9	.419
Ruffler	118	46	23	36	8	.390
Becker	88	30	19	23	8	.341
Campbell	109	37	25	10	1	.339
Jendra	114	38	32	18	6	.333
Siemon	50	16	11	9	2	.320
Fernandez	101	31	31	8	1	.307
Karr	95	26	18	22	5	.274
Jacoby	98	24	11	22	2	.245
Jordan	71	17	12	8	0	.239
Kubit	5	1	1	1	0	.200
Boullosa	31	5	6	6	0	.161
Rixie	9	1	2	0	0	.111

PITCHING						
	W	L	IP	H	SO	ERA
Jendra	1	0	6.1	4	2	0.00
Curry	1	0	11.2	10	2	1.54
Araneo	2	3	53.1	49	32	3.54
Ledduke	6	3	79.0	80	41	3.87
Hodge	4	5	69.1	83	35	4.41
Rixie	3	0	18.1	22	6	5.50
Pero	1	1	31.2	54	19	6.25

The Lady Sunblazers tennis team won third place honors in last weekend's Florida State division II collegiate tournament in Deland.

Finishing behind Stetson and Indian River, the women topped their best season ever with Rose Brown's state title for the fourth position. "These were the toughest matches I've played all year," said Brown of her win over Sue Overworld of Stetson.

Diana Bean was runner-up in third position play, losing only to a Stetson player ranked 29th nationally.

Bean, who had defeated that same player in regular season play, promised "to break the tie in the regionals."

The AIAW women's small college regional III tournament will be at FIU, May 11-14.



Photo by Jerry Margolin
Flanked by Head Coach and Athletic Director Tom Wonderling (right) and Pitching Coach Gerry Hunsicker (left), Manny Crespo, a former Miami High star and coach at Miami-Dade New World Center, has been named as an assistant Sunblazer baseball coach.

Blazers hire ex-pro

In an attempt to shore up the Sunblazers' inconsistent infield defense for the remainder of the baseball schedule, former Miami High star Manny Crespo has been hired as an assistant to Coach Tom Wonderling.

Crespo, 27, has been scouting the junior colleges recently and will take up his duties as infield and hitting coach upon the team's return from their road trip to Jacksonville and Statesboro, Georgia.

Crespo gained his reputation by being the youngest player to participate in American Legion baseball and was named All-American.

Crespo eventually moved on to be a standout at Miami Senior High and was drafted and signed in the 1968 free agent draft by the Boston Red Sox. Crespo played in that organization for eight years, the last five in AAA before retiring. He then coached at Miami-Dade New World Center, aiding in the winning of two state tournament titles.

Crespo was hired primarily for his communication abilities with the players.

LATE BRIEF

FIU slugger Kevin Ruffler's first inning two-run homer proved to be the edge needed to overcome Georgia Southern by a score of 5-3 at Statesboro, Ga.

The Sunblazers' record now stands at 21-13.



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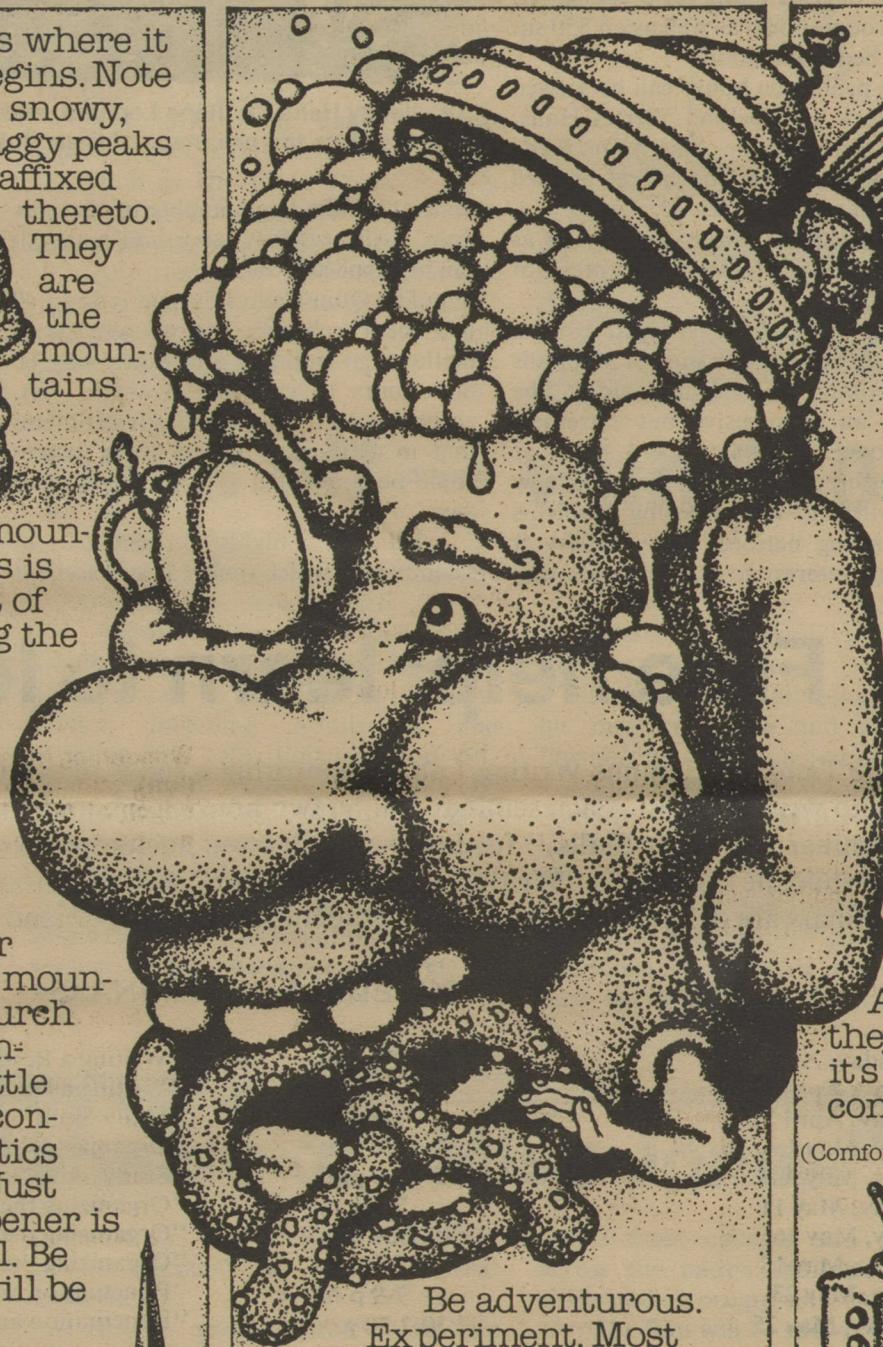
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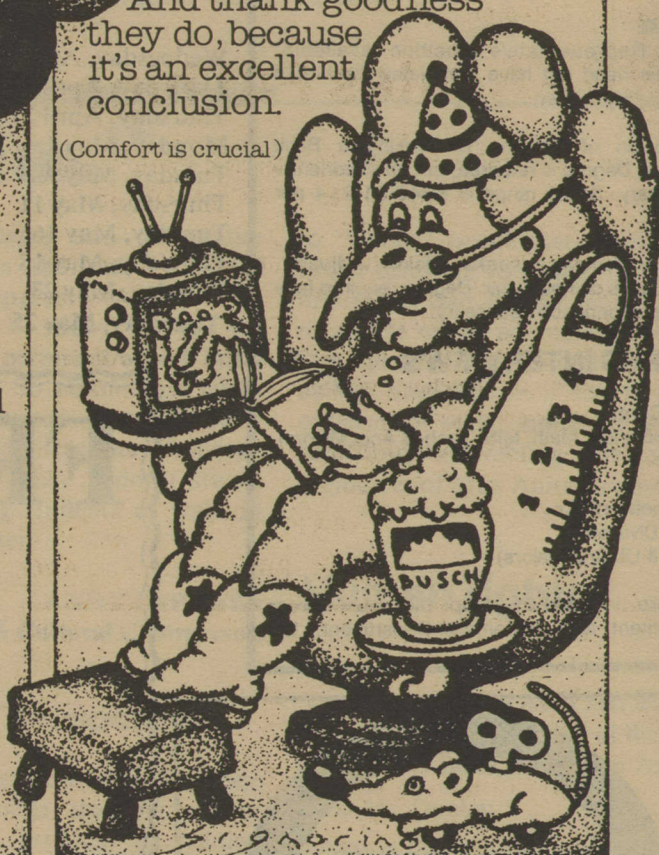
Food is next. Proper mountaineering, not to mention proper nutrition, requires a smorgasbord selection of snacks. Some mountaineers have suffered from a potato chip deficiency, a pretzel imbalance or other serious dietary defects. Plan ahead.

Comfort is crucial. If you mountaineer in public, pick a padded bar stool, preferably one that spins (to facilitate admiring the scenery). At home, a comfortable chair or sofa will do. Rule of thumb: if it feels good, and the police don't seem to mind, do it.

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DEBBIE FETTERLY
Contributor

A concrete shell system has won the Innovation Award for three FIU professors who recently attended the Symposium on Reduction of Housing Costs held in Salvador, Brazil.

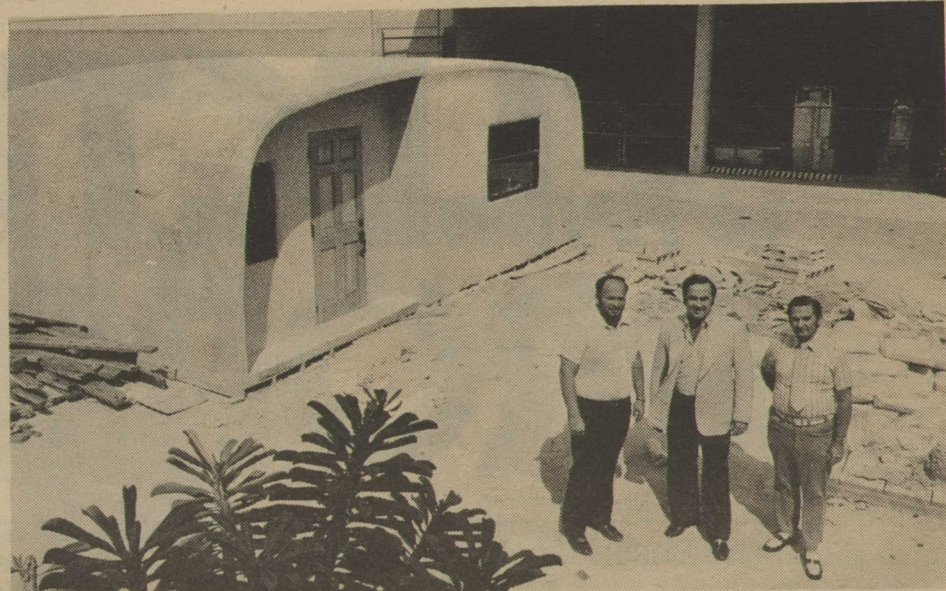
Dr. LeRoy Thomson, coordinator of civil engineering, Dr. Jimmy Hahs, assistant professor of civil engineering, and Dr. Rene Leonard, coordinator of mechanical engineering are the designers of the "Quin-Center Concrete Shell System." They have applied for a patent and have devised plans for a 750 sq. ft. two bedroom model as well as an 850 sq. ft. three bedroom model.

The prototype house can be viewed in the work area behind Vierdes Haus. It's only half a house, but can be made larger by extending the barrel created by the roof and the sides.

Dr. Hahs describes the housing as "a concrete shell with five centers of gravity."

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The three engineers hope their new design will help solve housing problems in developing nations. They believe it will be of interest to governments that



Dr. Jimmy Hahs, Dr. Rene Leonard, and Dr. LeRoy Thompson, innovators, stand before the prototype of their Quin-Center Concrete Shell House.

want to build a large number of low-cost units. All necessary labor and materials can be supplied locally.

The Quin-Center System is 35 to 40 per cent cheaper than alternative methods of building and takes only 60 man-hours to complete a single unit, according to Dr. Leonard. He estimates that in a housing project these homes could be completed at a rate of two per day.

"It is highly resistant to earthquakes which makes it an excellent

house for places along the west coast of the western hemisphere," Dr. Hahs said. "It meets the requirements of the San Francisco Bay Area Building Code for earthquake resistance, and the South Florida Building Code for wind resistance."

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The Tamiami Campus Writing Lab is sponsoring a series of seminars aimed at developing various study and writing skills. Each seminar will be two hours long, and will focus on a particular skill area. (The seminar in "Study Skills," for instance, will cover such topics as note-taking and preparation for exams; while the seminar in "Writing a Research Paper" will cover topic selection, data collection, etc..) The seminars are offered without charge. Students are urged to attend as many as they feel they need.

SCHEDULE OF SEMINARS

Wednesday, April 26	8:30-9:30 p.m.	"Writing a Research Paper"	DM163
Thursday, April 27	10-12 noon	"Writing a Research Paper"	DM 160
Thursday, April 27	3-5 p.m.	"Study Skills"	DM 163
Monday, May 1	12:30-2:30 p.m.	"Organizing the Paragraph"	DM163
Tuesday, May 9	7-9 p.m.	"Study Skills"	DM 323
Thursday, May 11	7-9 p.m.	"Organizing the Paragraph"	DM 429
Tuesday, May 16	12:30-2:30 p.m.	"Organizing the Paper"	DM 163
Thursday, May 18	7-9 p.m.	"Organizing the Paper"	DM 323
Tuesday, May 23	7-9 p.m.	"Punctuation and Capitalization"	DM323
Thursday, May 25	12:30-2:30 p.m.	"Punctuation and Capitalization"	DM 163

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Career counselors analyze job market

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The Career Development and Placement Department reports that according to the employer recruitment program, the most marketable major for those seeking employment in the South Florida area is business.

"On the other hand, education majors are having the most difficulty finding work in South Florida," said Elina Artigas, counselor for Career Development and Placement. "According to the local news media, the public school systems have an overabundance of applications in education. The local schools are not actively seeking teachers. However, there are teacher vacancies being reported out of state and

internationally."

"We have implemented a special activity to identify teacher positions," said Dr. Ben Cowins, director of the Career Development and Placement Department. "We are corresponding with all 50 state departments of education, and are requesting certification requirement information and information concerning any job vacancies they have or are anticipating."

The Department has received a tremendous response from many states, and information is flowing in daily. The Department also corresponds with about 250 overseas schools and many on-campus recruiters from the overseas institutions. In fact, according to Cowins, there are eight or ten FIU graduates who are working overseas as

elementary and high school teachers.

Cowins also reported that for the most part, FIU graduates are finding work in their major field of study or in closely-related areas.

"Many companies that come on campus to recruit students for employment have international concerns," he added.

As for students who are majoring in "esoteric" subjects such as philosophy and religion, the Career Development and Placement Department is encouraging them to take "mini-majors" or areas of alternate concentration that would make them "more marketable."

"We do not match students with jobs like employment agencies do," said

Cowins. "We do a couple of things in terms of placement. We invite employers on campus to share information and talk about employment opportunities. We maintain job notebooks in about ten categories, listing job announcements in South Florida, out of state and on an international basis. We also assist students by providing workshops in job interviewing techniques and resume writing."

The Department is now in the process of increasing invitations to employers who come for on-campus interviews with students. About 400 companies already come on campus each year, and if the response from students and faculty is favorable, the Department anticipates the doubling or tripling of that amount.

Senates to voice decision on parking decal proposal

The University Public Safety Department has proposed a major change relating to the use of parking decals, the parking fee structure and the "policing" of parking lots.

All Senates are being requested to evaluate a proposal to eliminate parking decals; and a decision on the proposal must be made within the next week (no later than April 28). The alternatives are to accept the proposal; to reject it and continue with the current system; or to develop another plan. If the proposal is accepted, everyone will be assessed \$1.25 per quarter, to be billed through the Finance and Accounting System.

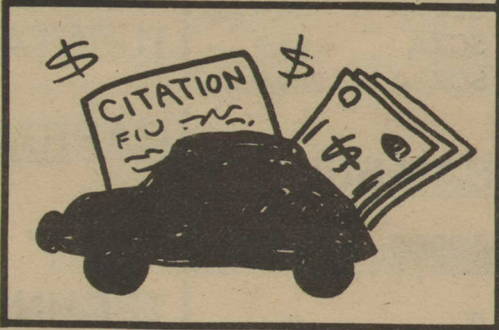
"The problem with the current system is that we have to really police the parking lot, and ticket the cars that do not have decals," said Vice President of Student Affairs Judy Merritt. "The idea is to reduce the amount of policing. It's not fair that some people pay the five dollars for a decal, and find themselves parked right alongside a car without a decal and getting away with it because we haven't the time to police all the campus parking lots."

According to Donn Ashley, director of the physical plant, the income from the parking decals between July 1, 1977 and March 31, 1978 totalled \$31,000. When combined with the balance existing before July 1, 1977, this totalled \$83,000. The expenditures for new lots, maintenance, roads, etc., totalled

\$108,900—leaving the current balance at approximately minus \$25,000.

"The question arises as to why charge everyone the parking fee when not everyone drives," said Merritt. "Well, the money from the decals went not only to projects such as new parking lots and the maintenance and drainage of existing parking lots and roadways, but also to maintenance and drainage of walkways, construction of new sidewalks and lighting of walkways and bus stops. In other words, the money also went to projects that benefit non-drivers."

"I don't think we're asking too much by implementing the five dollars per year fee to be paid by everyone," said Merritt. "Besides, in addition to the aforementioned projects, this money will go toward such things as bicycle racks, paths and maintenance of the bus loopway area and bus stop," she said.



Be international; tour the Orient

Florida International University will be living up to its middle name this summer when a group of students and teachers with diverse interests tour the Orient.

Six graduate or undergraduate credits may be earned on the trip and study topics include art, textiles, interior design, and housing.

Departure is set for June 21 from the

west coast. The return flight from Tokyo will be on July 20. Cost of the trip including round-trip air fare from the west coast, hotels, meals as per itinerary, transfers and administrative expenses is \$2,200.

Tuition and transportation to the west coast is extra. Application deadline is May 15. Contact Jerry Pierce at 552-2764 if interested.

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