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Valerie and her professor, Bill Maguire, embrace over her BFA degree show in the Art Gallery

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Find out why this man is The Sentinel's choice for the FIU presidency

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# THE SENTINEL

'A registered student organization serving the Florida International University Community'

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## FIU figures in prisoner release

MELANIE MILLER  
Students Affairs Reporter

Disunity exists in the Miami Cuban community as to whether or not "to deal" with Fidel Castro for the release of political prisoners.

FIU administrator Miguel Gonzales-Pando participated in the dialogue with Fidel Castro that resulted in the first release of political prisoners. This group, headed by Dr. Bernard Benes, an ex-member of the FIU Foundation Board of Trustees, has long advocated working with Fidel Castro to free political prisoners and reunite families divided by the revolution. They are also concerned with lifting the travel restrictions between the U.S. and Cuba.

Miami's Roman Catholic leaders

along with former political prisoner Tony Cuesta, who was released by Castro in October, believe those attempts to free the prisoners are interfering with efforts that they have already undertaken.

The conservative members of the Cuban community believe the U.S. should not, at this time, undergo any negotiations with Castro. That viewpoint is based on the assumption that dealing with Castro legitimizes his regime.

The conservatives criticize Benes for his overtures to Castro. But Benes feels he has a broader perspective in negotiating release of the prisoners. "Those people do not get to me. They are talking from a five-foot stature. I am standing 100 feet tall."

Precedence does exist for the

U.S. "supporting" Castro's regime. Twenty-two months after the invasion-attempt the late President John F. Kennedy ransomed \$62 million for the release of the exiles.

Gonzales and Benes agree that at least 60 per cent of the prisoners were once recruited, inspired and/or financed by U.S. intelligence agencies. They believe that for this reason the U.S. should assume a more active role in freeing these prisoners.

Gonzales was one of the 1,400 exiles that composed the U.S.-backed "Brigade 2506" which invaded Cuba at the Bay of Pigs in 1961.

"Many of us were captured some beaten and others killed. I know the conditions of the jails. Processing of the political

prisoners who are now in jail takes too long. They may not last."

Castro admitted to Gonzales that he had retained those who he felt had previous ties with anti-Castro organizations and those who he felt had committed serious crimes against the Cuban people under Batista's rule.

Gonzales says Castro told his delegation during the last dialogues that these prisoners will not, as of now, be released. But that he was not closing the door on them.

Many analysts believe that Castro's moves toward the normalization of relations grows out of his nation's need for adequate consumer goods and the USSR's unwillingness to continue purchasing Cuban sugar at three times the world price.

Castro says, "The revolution has never been so strong, so consolidated," according to Gonzales.

Gonzales says two views are generally accepted. 1) Castro is under tremendous pressure from the world community because of

austere living conditions and alleged human rights violations. 2) Castro wants to project the image of a true revolutionary, not that of a dictator. If the prisoners are released, then the U.S.-Cuba trade embargo might be lifted.

Gonzales feels there will be an economic impact as demands are made on social services. He feels however that since the prisoners are being returned in response to national politics, the Federal government should recognize the need to help local and state social agencies.

Associate Executive Vice President Antonio Jorge says, "The number of those entering the job market will be low. In any event, South Florida has gone through a large enough boom-and-bust cycle to accommodate those who will not be disabled and/or sustained by their respective families."

He added that the rapid economic growth rate since 1969 and the influx of Cubans can be correlated.

### Eyewitness report:

## Two unhurt in elevator fall

There was a loud whirring sound, a grinning noise, and a heavy metallic clank. Then muffled voices.

When the outer doors of the elevator were opened and a maintenance man had lowered a ladder from the opening at the top of the car, out climbed economics secretary Gina Greenstein and Key Bank Director Collins Thurman, ruffled and shaken, but unscathed by the six to eight foot fall.

According to Thurman, "We had

just gotten started when the elevator dropped. It felt like farther than it was."

He joked, "I was a little on the nervous side until the elevator stopped." When it did, he cut the power "so it couldn't do anything more."

Greenstein and Thurman soiled their clothes climbing out of the stalled cart, prompting one maintenance man to comment, "As often as these things break down, we ought to clean their roofs more often."

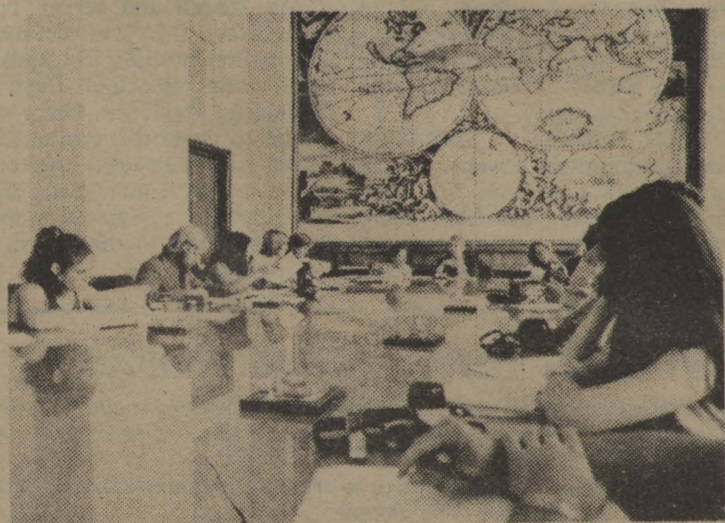
He further commented, "These elevators have never run right." A quick check of the cables did not reveal any breaks.

The elevator was traveling from the second floor to the first at the time of the malfunction. Had the back-up brake system failed, the total fall would have amounted to over twenty feet.

Maintenance men quickly disappeared when Executive Vice President Joseph Olander passed by the scene on his way to another part of the building.

THE SENTINEL STAFF... would like to express sincere appreciation to the many people that have helped us grow. We at the SENTINEL would also like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a productive New Year! We'll be back on campus Jan. 4, 1979. We would like to leave all of you students with a thought...

The road to success is always under construction and there are many detours, none of which imagination and knowledgeable enthusiasm can't overcome.



DURING AN OVERSEAS study trip five years ago, participants met with Foreign Ministry officials. See page 4 for complete details.

## Communications goes abroad

ILIANA ORTIZ  
Sentinel Writer

As part of an expanding international emphasis, the communications program will be offering a 55-day academic experience in Europe during the summer of 1979.

Forty students, selected from communications programs throughout the country, will tour the major cities of Europe, studying and working on mass media projects.

The program's objective is to expand the experience of mass communications students by exposing them to diverse international cultures.

According to James Couch, Director of the School of Technology's Communications program and the professor who will be guiding the students, "an international academic experience will probably be a requirement for graduation from the program by the end of the next academic year."

"There will be several ways by which the requirements might be met. One is by overseas study such as the summer tour. Another is by serious participation in an international conference or convention."

The courses offered in the overseas program are: Interviewing Techniques, Writing for

the Mass Media, Comparative Systems of Communication and Media Analysis.

Couch hopes the overseas study-travel approach can broaden to include a more multi-disciplinary experience. He also hopes that other faculty will become involved, particularly those from political science, history, humanities, and international relations.

"By becoming involved in the overseas program," Couch said, "faculty development that will enhance the international academic credibility of FIU will take place."

Applications should be addressed to: James Couch, FIU, Miami, Florida, 33181. Deadline is April 1.

# Cultists escape from freedom — death as salvation?

## Copts, Krishnas speak on Jonestown suicides

MELANIE MILLER  
Student Affairs Reporter

Was a drink of Kool-aid laced with cyanide the final act by which 910 Americans, in Guyana sought salvation?

"Mass killing like those that occurred in Jim Jones' People's Temple are fruits of a corrupt, sick society. Our Goud is of love and peace, but there is sin in the body," said Brother Louv.

Louv is a member of the controversial Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church located at 43 Star Island. He said his church does not claim to be a revelation or a gospel, rather, salvation.

Members believe that religion, politics and commerce are the three heads of the beast portrayed in Revelations. "These are conscience groups set up to keep people down and in sin."

The official church doctrine of the 33 Copts is the Bible. Copts believe Ganja (marijuana) is the new wine of Christ. "The mouth is the pearly gate to Goud. When we breathe Ganja, the fiery purifier, we offer thanksgiving to Goud," said Louv.

The unshaven Coptic men say that fighting your beard is like fighting the tide. "You cannot stop the tide."

Coptic women conceal their long hair with bonnets as "their hair is for their husbands' glory."

What is a day in the life of Coptic women like? "We do things women like to do: cook, clean, care for the children and serve the men," said one sister.

In their subordinate roles, the women may have one husband. The men, however, may have more than one wife. Marriage is consecrated "when a man and a woman lie together."

Copts "burn their offerings to Goud" (smoke Ganja) from dawn until twilight. The children are free to partake whenever they desire.

Cult members have taken a covenant never to sin again. They have each confessed their sins "one unto the other" and are bound "together in love and peace." "Only by living like Goud, can we be like Goud."

The cult's roots lie in Jamaica where 2000 native members contend that the black, because of his historical enslavement, will be unchained and inherit his equal place beside the white. "We believe Ganja stopped the war in Viet Nam," said Louv.

"It was their own madness that forced them to commit suicide. Devotees of Jones' Peoples' Temple had bad karma. Their sinful activities in their past lives collected them together. In the past they had poisoned others; as you sow, so shall you reap. Their demise is justifiable," said a Krishna devotee.

The Krishna devotees live at 10900 Coral Way. They live a life of total worship to God (Krishna). They believe God is love and that he is in every heart. "The love of God is just covered over by lust."

One devotee asked, "Who is this Jones? What has he done? Our Lord, Krishna has done wonderful things. Jones is a cheap incarnation of God," he said.

Krishna President Aparada Parbo said there are no commonalities between Krishna and Peoples' Temple devotees. "Except that we both live in a commune—but so do ants."

Cult members believe sex is a binding knot of the material world, and that the material world is a hellish place.

Married couples join in sex only



Photo by Barbara Daubert

THREE COUNTENANCES of Krishna devotees. Their home, The New Ramisayama Forest, is located just south of the Tamiami Campus.

"for the purpose of planting the seed." Unmarried devotees are celibate.

Unlike Coptic men, Krishna males generally shave their heads and rid themselves of all facial hair. "We are not the body, so why must it be appealing?"

Devotees spend their days worshipping Krishna and offering thanksgiving through Krishna chants and prayers, said Prado.

The women perform daily duties similar to Coptic women. "But women are free to harness any work (for Krishna) for which they are physically capable," said Prado.

The 55 members live on a 10-acre estate that they purchased for \$300,000. They grow their own flowers and raise bees for honey, which they sell for revenue. They grow vegetables for food.

Prado said that Krishna's teachings are ancient whereas Jones was a relative newcomer.

Cult members, regardless of their affiliation, are seeking a spiritual experience. They are idealists pioneering a heavenly kingdom on earth. But are these the same idealists who so staunchly advocated a new order back in the 60's.

Author Eric Fromm, in his book *Escape from Freedom* said that democracy, which set many free, simultaneously gave birth to a society in which individuals feel isolated, dehumanized and alienated.

He further states that if man cannot live with freedom, he will find a mechanism through which to escape: "This situation has frequently resulted in blind devotion to a leader."

A mechanism of escape which Fromm believes is of great social significance begins when an individual ceases to be himself. "He entirely adopts the kind of personality offered to him by cultural

patterns (i.e., cults), and he therefore becomes exactly as all others are and expect him to be. The discrepancy between "I" and the "world" disappears and with it the conscious fear of aloneness and powerlessness."

He considers a person who has blindly submitted himself to a leader an automaton. "He is then identical with millions of other automatons around him and need not feel alone and anxious anymore. The price he pays is the love of himself."

Fromm contends that when a person loses his fixed place in life, doubt befalls him and uncertainty makes freedom an unbearable burden.

He thus considers a cult a hideaway from decisions and goals as the cultist finds submission to a leader easier than taking charge of his own life.

# Spiva no higher than fourth choice for education dean

MARTIN SVENSSON  
Academic Affairs Reporter

The hopes of many black educators to have Associate Executive Vice President Ulysses (Van) Spiva appointed dean of the school of education appear to have been dashed last week when Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Fisher revealed that Spiva would not be higher than his fourth choice for the post.

That is because the search and screen committee for that position has provided Fisher with two lists. One includes Spiva as one of five "qualified." The other, excluding Spiva, lists John A. Carpenter, Frederick A. Cyphert and Eugene Eubanks as the three "recom-

mended."

"The 'recommended' list is well within the purview of the committee," commented Fisher when faced with the charge that it is extraneous.

"I will be concentrating my efforts on those first three," he said. Fisher expects to have provided President Harold Crosby with his choice sometime early in the week.

"The President needs to make the appointment so we can have a dean by Jan. 1. That's when Dean Sowards is leaving," Fisher said.

Crosby indicated that a new dean may be appointed before the new year, commenting "We think it's possible to act by Christmas."

Crosby would not be more

specific.

Spiva's only hope to gain the position, according to Fisher, is if each of his first three choices (to be taken from the "recommended" list) decline the offer of the deanship.

Charges that the search and screen committee had allowed Carpenter to submit his ap-

## Three other deanships being filled

With three other deanships fast approaching vacancy, four search and screen committees are busy. Here are details of each committee's progress:

### BUSINESS

The committee has pared

the list of applicants to 25, with more eliminations expected. Committee Chairperson Duane Kajawa said he hopes to present the names of five finalists to Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Fisher after interviews are held in January. Kajawa said he expects Fisher to choose the new dean by February.

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS SERVICES

The preliminary review of the original 126 applicants has been completed with the list being narrowed to 48. Bacarisse said the search and screen committee

application materials must be received by Aug. 18. Carpenter's, along with four others' applications were received the week of Aug. 11-18.

"I investigated about the deadline and found it was in order," Fisher concluded.

expects to present its list of recommended candidates to Fisher by the end of January.

### TECHNOLOGY

Fisher appointed the 13 members of this search and screen committee Nov. 22. The committee held its first meeting last week at which time associate Dean of Technology Katherine Curry was chosen to chair the committee. Fisher has instructed the committee to invite individuals from those outside communities most closely related to the School of Technology.

# Indians convene for crafts festival

ILEANA ORTIZ  
Sentinel Writer

Indians throughout the country will gather at the Fourth Annual Arts Festival hosted by the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.

The purpose of the festival is to expose the public to Indian culture, happenings and needs.

"It will serve as a vehicle for people to get a better perspective on the American Indian traditional arts and crafts," explained Lee Tiger, public relations spokesman for the Miccosukee tribe.

The seven-day event will feature

entertainment, alligator wrestling, dancing and typical Indian foods.

On exhibit will be costumes, arts and crafts and paintings. Many will be on sale.

The various tribes will demonstrate their techniques of basketweaving, buckskin tanning, jewelry-making, woodcarving, and doll making.

Lee and Steve Tiger, of the Tiger Tiger band, will serve as hosts and perform at concerts during the festival. They are currently recording their first album, "Eye of the Tiger."

Other performers include Roy Ladd from the Winnebago tribe,

guitarist-singer Rick Hubelle from the Navajo tribe, and the Shoshone-Bannock dance group.

Indian burgers, fried bread, pumpkin bread, sofkee (Indian Coca-cola) and other unusual foods will be served.

The festival will be held at the Miccosukee Cultural Center, 25 miles west of Miami on Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41).

Tickets will be sold at the gate. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Proceeds from the festival will go to the Miccosukee's educational fund.

## Watch for success stories

It sure us a small world. Several FIU people have made favorable impressions in the great big world beyond FIU's ivy-covered, (. . . er, scratch that), walls.

Beginning next quarter we will be bringing you success stories about FIU alumni and soon-to-be alumni.

Among them are the tales of how a Dutch student won the esteem of the management of a large restaurant firm, another about the top ROTC member in Florida, and yet another about an FIU "star".

*It's not academic . . .*

# The politics of economic non-growth

In an article entitled, "For Them or Us" (The Sentinel, November 21, 1978, page 3), Professor Howard Kaminsky presents his views on the politics of economic growth or non-growth. Professor Kaminsky uses this forum to argue in favor of his personal views, which are against "liberal or humanitarian" ideals calling for assistance to the poorer nations of the world. On one telling passage he states:

"...we have come to see what should have been obvious from the first, that the highly developed scientific-technological civilization of the West presupposes a certain type of human material formed by a thousand years of Western history and therefore not readily reproducible elsewhere."

Not wanting to be niggardly, Professor Kaminsky graciously notes:

"The exception of Japan, whose history has curious parallels to ours, exists as a wholesome reminder that our superiority is indeed cultural and not a matter of race."

There we have the crux of Kaminsky's argument. We "Westerners," along with the "curious" Japanese, are culturally superior to the rest of the world. While Kaminsky seeks to avoid the stigma of racial prejudice, he reveals a marked degree of cultural prejudice. The last time that I read such an argument was in "Panzer Battles," the World War II memoirs of German General F.W. von Mellenthin, in which it is proposed that the West must unite to face the threat of the Russians who are implacable in their attacks because of their crude culture and brutish insensitivity to pain. (General von Mellenthin was writing from retirement in South Africa.)

Dr. Kaminsky may be a historian, but he neglects the process of cultural evolution through which man moved from adaptations based on hunting and gathering to agriculture, and then on to industrialism. His frame of analysis is limited to the thousand years of Western history to which he refers. What Kaminsky overlooks is that cultures are not historical isolates which evolve "sui generis." The roots of Western industrialism derived from cultural processes and elements which developed in other areas of the world. Fundamental among these were tool making and the domestication of plants and animals which appeared in Mesopotamia and Africa. Even these areas cannot claim superiority for these processes also occurred as the result of independent evolution in Asia and the Americas, as did the forms of sociopolitical organization which we refer to as "civilization." Indeed, European society was no more developed than that found in Persia, India and China until very recently.

With regard to European technology, Marvin Harris writes: "Europe's architectural inventory—fired bricks, cut stone, the arch—were imports. All of Europe's basic metallurgical and chemical techniques originated in the Middle East. Ceramic and glass containers, bronze, iron, and steel tools—there were all invented outside Europe. Sp were wheels, gears, screws, levers, pulleys, pumps, drills, pistons, presses, bellows, kilns, and looms. Carts, chariots, and sailing ships were also non-European inventions. And, of course, so were the alphabet, writing, books, the calendar, and the basic principles of arithmetic, algebra, geometry,

## Critique: Kaminsky's views won't do

William T. Vickers

Assistant Professor of Anthropology

and astronomy. ("Man, People, Nature," 1975)"

The rapid economic development which occurred in Europe after 1500 A.D. was in large measure based on foreign conquest and colonization. These predatory strategies fed the natural resources and agricultural products of the world into the European economy at minimal cost to the Europeans, who paid low prices or exchanged cheap manufactured items for raw materials, and who "recruited" labor through the enslavement of non-European peoples or exploitative colonial relationships.

According to Kaminsky's view, the West should now refuse assistance to less developed nations because they do not have a "superior" culture like our own.

Why jeopardize our affluent life style for a few billion people living in retarded countries? This point of view has been referred to as "lifeboat ethics" by Garrett Hardin and other writers. Those who share this view postulate that if we let the "drowning" share our lifeboat it will become swamped and we shall all die, hence no one is benefitted. The fallacy of this argument is that no nation can be viewed as an autonomous and self-sufficient lifeboat. The fact of the matter is that we live in an interdependent world in which we need to exchange raw materials and manufactures with many other nations in order to maintain the viability of our own domestic system. We cannot survive by isolating ourselves from the other nations of the world, be they

"developed" or "underdeveloped." Nor can a clique of developed nations make it alone.

With regard to foreign assistance, the U.S. spends only about 1 percent of its annual federal budget on foreign economic aid. Among the leading 17 Western nations which provide foreign aid, the U.S. in 1975 stood 12th in the amount of assistance provided relative to gross national product.

Another point worth considering is the fact that much of America's "foreign aid" expenditures stay in the U.S. since many development contracts stipulate that equipment and heavy machinery must be of U.S. manufacture even though less expensive equipment of comparable specifications is available from other nations. A 1977 public report of the U.S. Agency for International Development states, "...more than 70 cents of every dollar committed for goods and services in the foreign aid program is spent in the United States, thus creating and maintaining jobs for Americans." Furthermore, a large proportion of foreign assistance is actually in the form of military aid

and serves to bolster American arms manufacturers and overseas economic interests.

Finally, Dr. Kaminsky makes a gratuitous attack on the "liberal-humanitarian ideology" without stating his own ideological position in forthright terms. From his article we may infer that he is an elitist and a "rational economic man" who seeks to maximize his own gains and minimize his losses. This is a reasonable view given the tenets of orthodox economic theory. I do not begrudge him this view because a university is an open forum where all opinions may be expressed openly. But if this earth is to survive into the future to which Dr. Kaminsky refers, we will have to find ways in which the peoples of the world can coexist, and learn to do so within the budget of resources which the planet has to offer. Hopefully, Florida International University, which aspires to be a truly international university, can make some contribution to that effort.

## Editorial

# Olander would lead FIU into its future

The long process of determining a successor to President Harold B. Crosby is almost over. While the list of candidates is impressive, one person, Executive Vice President Joseph Olander, stands out as the right choice for FIU and the community it serves.

Although the other four finalists are highly qualified to guide the university in its growth from an educational theme park to its rightful role as a major urban university serving a greater circum-Caribbean metropolis, the bottom line is this: Olander knows FIU and its political milieu better than any of the other candidates could hope to in several years' time.

During his two year stint in Tallahassee with Commissioner of Education Ralph Turlington, Olander built a fine reputation and good working relationships with the Board of Regents and members of the legislature including, most importantly, the Governor-elect, Miamian Bob Graham. This is crucial in a state whose educational system is one of the worst funded in the nation. Olander is trained as a political scientist; in a state where government is still conducted over pork-barrels, he can eat grits with the best of them.

His "love affair with FIU" is sincere. While some claim that he consummates it with every move, the decisions made under his stewardship were for the most part warranted: an unmanageable nursing program was put on the back burner; blacks, hispanics and some women put into community relations roles while efforts to recruit them for administrative roles were stepped up; an Arts and Sciences dean who demands appropriate levels of achievement from his faculty was attracted; the possibility of an administration at North Miami campus that would compete for scarce resources was quashed. All these moves were potentially more damaging than enhancing to his popularity.

Although the latter move may have worked in Olander's self-interest (Provost Ellis was con-

sidered a strong contender for the presidency), overall, the decisions show that Olander has had one thing in mind since returning to FIU—its united growth and development.

In addition to being decisive, Olander has the qualities that all successful leaders must have: He

is charismatic, dynamic, fair, innovative, and above all else, warm. He has a genuine interest in people, especially students.

To those who claim, "But Olander's an ambitious man," we respond, "Dammit, America, was founded by such men!"

We urge all those who care about

the future of this not-yet-university to go to the BOR selection committee meetings the week of Dec. 18 at the Marriott Hotel to voice support for Olander.

He is perhaps the only person who can bring the Miami area what no other metropolitan area of its size lacks: a public university.

## Letters

# Don't trust Castro on prisoners

To The Sentinel:

In the midst of all our jubilation over the promised release of Cuba's political prisoners, we need to carefully analyze Fidel Castro's possible motives. There are many families here in America who have long awaited this decision.

We should be asking ourselves... why now? I personally do not believe it is for the purpose of having the trade embargo lifted.

It seems that the United States has an undying need to do business with Castro—and he knows it. What assurances do we have that he is not strategically tossing back the small fish in preparation for catching the big fish (the United States)?

I see Russia building up defensive forces all around the nation regardless of Castro's explanation for this recently

acquired Russian aircraft; I question their true purpose. Could they be a mere decoy, knowing that the U.S. would check them out; and when all is safe, the real defensive aircraft could be brought in without suspicion. I dread the thought of another Pearl Harbor.

My question to you is: Are Cuba's prisoners really being released, or are they merely being transferred to new location?

# Bad air forces library smoking ban

To The Sentinel:

Effective Jan. 2, 1979, smoking privileges in the Library Reserve Reading Room (111) and the adjacent Typing and Group Study Rooms (111A and 111B) will be revoked.

This action is taken in response to daily and copious complaints by students that smoking in those areas constitutes a disagreeable air quality problem and hazards to health. It is true that air circulation in these rooms is difficult to control under the best of conditions.

Smoking is still to be permitted in the first floor lobby, and additional lounge chairs will be moved into the informal area behind the open staircase so that smokers will have some refuge. Other public areas of the Library remain no smoking zones to eliminate fire risks as well as irritants to the comfort of many patrons.

Students, faculty, and staff are

urged to be understanding in this matter and to cooperate in solving the problem. It is not uncommon practice for academic libraries at other institutions to enforce no

smoking regulations throughout their buildings.

Howard Cordell  
Director,  
Media and Library

## Response

# Ask Deans for typewriters

To the (typewriter) hopeful student:

There are twenty or so electric typewriters located next to the Dean of Technology's office in VH. They are provided for the use of communications students in their classwork.

The Sentinel asked acting dean Jack Clark if it would be possible for the general student body to have access to them. He replied that while he would like to allow that, he would not feel it right since his school alone foots the \$500 a month maintenance fee.

He suggested that if the other schools around the university

would share the cost, he would be happy to make the typewriters (all excellent quality) available to all students.

What The Sentinel suggests is that you gather students from each of the university's schools to petition the deans to share the expense. It is an easy matter to have the issue placed on the Council of Academic Deans' agenda.

What may be difficult is for the deans to find the funds.

Good luck and keep us posted.

Bob Shanbrom  
Executive Editor

## A European summer

## Journalism Innocents Abroad

MARVIN CLEGG  
Special to The Sentinel

An appearance on French national television, an audience with the Pope, discussions with a controversial Roman newspaper editor, using a prime minister's private water closet, and earning university credits were all part of 15 American journalism students' lives five summers ago.

Most of the above were routine fare for the fortunate students chosen to take part in the State University System's 70-day European Journalism Study Tour. The program, part of the growing higher education trend in taking students to the best possible venue for their learning experiences, was proposed, planned and led by James E. Couch, then an assistant professor of communications at Florida Technological University.

The group's objectives included learning to cope with foreign customs, languages and people while studying the subjects of international communications, feature writing, photography and writing for selected mass media.

"It is my strong belief that the average American journalism student needs to travel and live in different environments," Couch explained. "Nothing makes a better reporter, editor or photographer than exposure to many dissimilar and new experiences. It's a simple matter of broadening one's outlook on life through learning that many types of people and customs exist in the world. The more a student learns about coping with a changing world, the better he will be able to live within it."

Couch began planning the full-time study tour several years ago. He believes that shorter study trips are also meaningful, but tend to work an economic hardship on most students. "It costs very little more to take a full course of study under circumstances such as we had," Couch claims.

Participants came from Florida State University, University of West Florida, Florida Technological University, University of Tennessee, Pennsylvania State University, University of Maryland, University of North Carolina, Palm Beach Community College, and included graduate students, one the holder of a doctoral degree.

The members of the group were assured interesting lodging places due to the \$4 per person limit set aside for the purpose. They stayed in small hotels, pensions and even private homes, all away from downtown areas.

The group participants learned to haggle over food bills in a half-dozen languages, to travel via subways, trains, trams, buses, taxis, jets and ferries, the qualities of which varied greatly according to time and place. Most also wore out at least one pair of shoes.

The reception by government officials and media executives was just short of regal, Couch remarked.

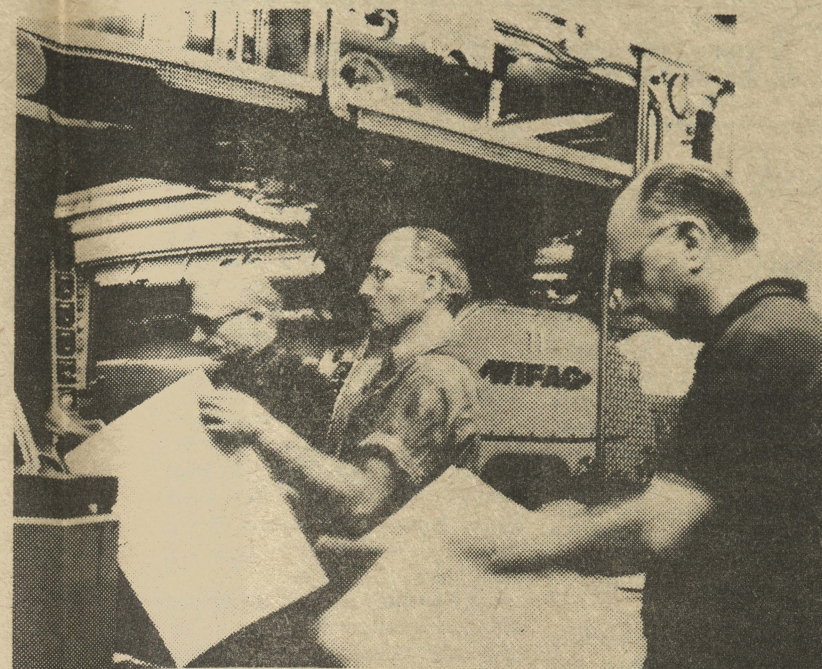
In Paris, the students visited the government subsidized television studios where Jacques Chatterard, foreign news director of the First Channel, discussed programming, content, policy making and personnel recruitment with the students for several hours.

ONE OF THE tour's "extras" was night at Salzburg's Stigkeller for two hours of folk music and dancing.

The informal seminar was conducted in the French station's news studio where the group remained while the national news broadcast was aired. At the conclusion of the program, the cameras swung round and the students were suddenly projected onto the nation's television screens, much to their surprise and delight.



OFFICIAL EXPLAINS Le Monde's new processing system.



SHOP EMPLOYEES inspect first copies of afternoon run of Le Monde.

The next day the students were ushered into the conference room of the newly formed Ministry of Information, where the deputy minister and an aide spent two hours in discussion of French communication laws and regulations.

Lengthy visits were also made to the facilities of Le Monde and Le Figaro where shop practices and editorial activities were shared with the Americans.

Although the students were quartered in Geneva during the Swiss portion of the journey, a day trip was made to the capital of Bern where they had another seminar, this one with the head of the Swiss Press Association, a leading editor and a member of the foreign ministry.

The reception in Rome was equally outstanding, as a member of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs arranged an audience with the Pope, a trip to the movie studios of Cine Citta (Italy's second largest film maker), talks with television executives, and a half-day's viewing of rare documentary films of Benito Mussolini.

The timing of the group's stay in Rome was perfect in that the appointed editor of Il Messaggero, the city's most influential daily, had been kept from assuming his editorial duties and was involved in a lawsuit of national significance.

By special arrangement, a government-provided bus picked up the group and carried it to an afternoon visit with the controversial editor, Luigi Barzini, at his villa on the outskirts of Rome.

Barzini, author of an enlightening book on the character of his countrymen called "The Italian," and a graduate of Columbia University, spoke candidly of the Italian press and its problems during a two-hour discourse that the students are not likely to forget.

Later, in Vienna, the students were treated to still another

seminar, this one held in the prime minister's conference room. And it was after this particular discussion about Austrian press activities and problems that the group was afforded access to the prime minister's private toilet, an unusual if not especially important sidelight of the tour.

In other activities, the group learned first-hand the basics of international economics as the fluctuation of the dollar kept them speculating almost daily in their currency exchanges. The buying power of the dollar dipped to \$.72 by the end of the tour, and it was, in some cases, an expensive lesson.

The value of the dollar also affected the group's itinerary as Copenhagen had to be cancelled due to a lack of low or moderately priced housing.

As a direct result of the rearranged schedule the students were given some free time and they spent it in individual and group visits to many different countries, including Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

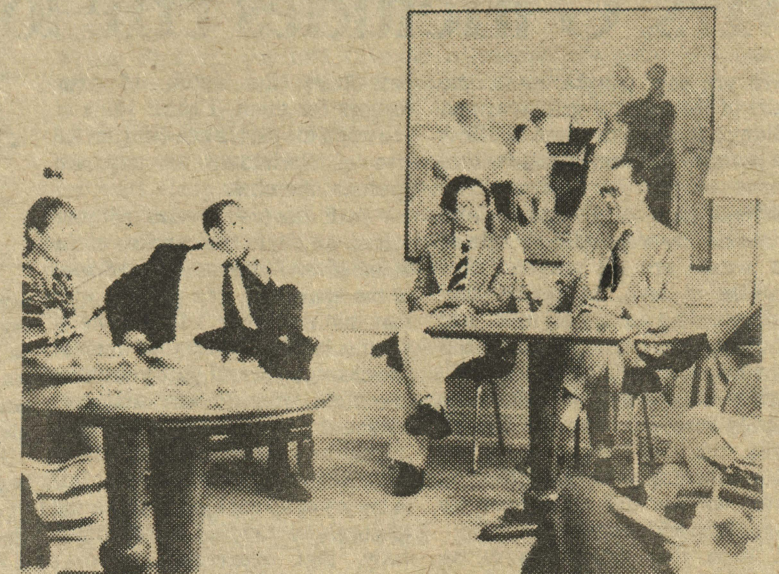
London was the last stop on the tour and it proved one of the highlights for the finally weary students. A common language and relaxation after completing class assignments combined in causing students to cover the English capital "like the plague."

Despite the good times of the summer it was with some relief that the prospective journalists left the city on the Thames, for the first of the letter bombs had exploded just three days before departure.

The worth of the trip to the students was perhaps best summed up in a letter one later wrote: "There is no way of knowing how much or even really what I learned during the trip. There was too much. It will be months, and probably years, before the full impact of the experiences will be felt."

And that, according to Couch, "is the type of results for which the tour was designed."

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GROUP AFTER farewell dinner in London restaurant.

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## 6/Living

# Mrs. G includes the lonely in her Christmas circle

We are now caught up in the whirl of the colorful gift wrapped holidays. It is also the time to allow the promise inherent in this festive season to fill our hearts. The candle-lit glow of Chanukah and Christmas, the wonderful sounds of the season are all part of that promise of love, of peace and understanding among all men. Let us join, on our campus, the rejoicing which will spill over with caring and sharing. Reach out a helping hand, make a new friend, smile with your heart and let the inner beauty of you reflect the joy of the holiday and experience its warmth with gratitude.

I hope your Christmas is as sweet as a kiss under mistletoe, as full of laughter as Santa himself and bright as our flaming poinsettias. Give yourself a present. Let your families and those you love

best know the depth of your feelings for them. I shall think of you when the carols are sung on the Eve of Christmas as my son conducts the choir.

I shall hear the echo of your voices. As I light the candles of the Menorah and turn on the radiance of the sparkling tree I shall wish that this new year will be one of dreams fulfilled, merry as confetti and champagne and that your lives are filled with growth and contentment.

What I have just written is more full of sex than any other lead. It is in the joy of loving kindness, caring touches and melding of spirit and body, that expression of one's sexuality becomes most beautiful, tinged with an aura of the unexplicable.

Q. My girl is coming down for the holidays from New York. She

## Across Mrs. G's Desk

by Marian Z. Grabowski

always goes on the pill when we are together. Now, I'm afraid of it and so is she. What shall we do? We want children, but not until we complete our educations and can give them a good life.

A. And a very warm and beautiful Christmas wish for you. (I envy you your love coming from the Big Apple—a piece of my heart is there). You sound like a sensible, sensitive man. Help her stay off the pill for good. Use both foam and condoms. Make sure the condoms match the colors of the season and never, never drift into the dreamland of "just once won't matter." Discuss with her the possibility of using a diaphragm. It's the one with no side effects. Her good health is important to you and your children. Have a merry.

Q. Do you think Santa will leave a handsome man in my stocking?

A. Now wouldn't any man look silly in panty hose? Don't rely on Santa, honey. Be where there are people and wreath yourself in perfumed dignity and let your loveliness attract the male of the species who is quite aware of pheromones which say, "I'd like to know you better."

Q. I can't decide myself what is it all right to give an American girl for Christmas. Just now I do not love her, but I may. Please, what is proper?

A. Flowers are always right. An arrangement of red roses or carnations, a holly corsage, a pot of blooming violets all mean, "I like you and think of you." At this stage in your relationship gifts

should not be too personal. Jewelry and clothes are for later (black and daring lingerie much later). Books you enjoy are always a good choice. Believe it or not, any woman of any age is a push over for stuffed toys, particularly teddy bears. Give your gift with thoughtfulness, wrap it with bright ribbons and kiss her under the mistletoe.

Q. My mother is being remarried this Christmas. My father died four years ago. This man is all right but he can't take my dad's place. Mother has asked me to stand up with her. I'm torn and don't know what to do.

A. Give your mother the gift and support of your love as she enters a new, totally different relationship. This man will not displace your father in her heart or yours. Your father would have wanted happiness for all of you. Stand up tall and beautiful and smile at your mother when she repeats her vows. A tear or two are not out of place at a wedding. Carry a lacey handkerchief and give your mother a hug from me.

Q. My wife died last year. Our boy is two. Our families live far away and it's too expensive to make the trip. I dread Christmas.

A. My heart aches for you. The holidays are the hardest and the first, the most difficult. Get away from the familiar. Ask for invitations to a friend's house, preferably a family with youngsters. Or take your son in your arms to a midnight church service. Know, my friend, that the sharp edge of pain will dull in time, although sweet memory lingers. If it gets too rough, give me a call. There's always room at Christmas morning brunch to include others in our circle of love.

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# Miskovic: 'Loss no disgrace'

Although the volleyball team (24-21) lost its first three matches and was eliminated from the AIAW Small College National Volleyball Championships in Orlando last weekend, Coach Linda returned home proud of her squad's accomplishments for the year.

"With over 900 teams competing in our small college division, anytime you can end the year in the top 15 in the country, you've done some thing," said Miskovic.

FIU started strong in its initial match against George Washington University with a 10-2 lead. But after a couple of ace serves, GWU

came back and pinned 15-10, 15-7 defeats on the Sunblazers.

"The girls were playing the best offense and defense I've seen them play all season in that match. But then they made a couple of mistakes and it seemed they lost their concentration after that," thought Miskovic.

Losses against Midwest Region Champs Missouri Western State (15-12, 15-12) and to the nation's number one seed, the University of Hawaii (15-4, 15-6) eliminated FIU and ended the season.

Miskovic did see several good points come out of the trip.

"Playing in the Nationals should definitely help us out as far as recruiting is concerned," she felt.

The Lady Blazers will need this added inducement, too. The unit will lose four of its six starters from 1978.

Another positive outcome was the fact that the team was invited out to Texas next season by Texas Lutheran College, a former AIAW champ.

"The girls worked hard all year," believed Miskovic. "Losing in the Nationals is no disgrace. We all should be proud of their fine efforts."

## Wonderling leads ballplayers to Chile

A contingent of Florida International University baseball coaches and players, led by Head Coach and Athletic Director Tom Wonderling, has accepted an invitation from the Chilean Olympic Committee to tour that country as part of a sports exchange program.

The participants left Dec. 7 and will return Dec. 19.

"This is just another step toward the development of an extensive sports exchange program with various countries in the Caribbean

and Central and South America," said Wonderling.

Earlier this year, the FIU baseball team traveled to Nassau beginning a similar exchange program there.

One of its main purposes, in addition to furthering relations with foreign neighbors, is to help deserving student-athletes from these countries with scholarships to FIU.

## Clinic features Soccer great

United States National and Olympic Head Soccer Coach Walter Chyzowych will be the featured guest clinician at the Pro-Keds-Sunblazers Soccer Clinic to be conducted at the Florida International University Tamiami Soccer Field, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17.

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## Sports briefs

### Super Clinic III

Bill Rodgers will conduct the third Super Clinic at FIU's Tamiami Campus, Thursday in conjunction with the Orange Bowl Marathon.

The free clinic will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Athenaeum Auditorium.

Frank Shorter, the 1972 Olympic marathon champion will hold another clinic January 11, and will discuss race strategy.

### New basketball coach

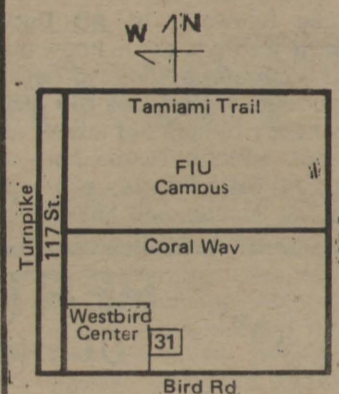
Rick Jendra, former Sunblazers baseball star who now plays with the Cincinnati Reds organization, has been named as the new Women's Basketball coach. Any full time woman student interested in trying out for the team which begins play on January 12 against Broward Community College should contact Jendra at 552-2756.

### Free golf clinic

Coach Bobby Shave's next free golf clinic will take place on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the campus golf green on the west end of the Tamiami Campus. The clinic is free to all interested members of the campus community. Equipment will be supplied. Call 552-2756 for additional information.

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