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Likens situation to U.S.

Ambassador: Israel tortures

JEFF DALY
Sentinel Writer

An Israeli diplomat has tacitly agreed that his nation is guilty of torturing Arab prisoners.

Speaking before a select group of students at the University of Miami Hillel building last Thursday, the newly appointed permanent representative of Israel to the United Nations, Yekada Z. Blum also spoke about the changing balance of power now that the friendly government of Iran's Shah has fallen.

The Miami Herald had run a front-page story alleging Israeli torture in occupied territories the day of the ambassador's visit to Miami. The ambassador said, "There seems to be confirmation of isolated incidents. This could be true of any other country including the United States. The United States does not systematically violate human rights, and at the same time there are certain particular violation of human rights."

The ambassador said that Israel had voluntarily submitted to inspections by the international Committee of the Red Cross last year. Israel had suggested the inspections, though the country is not required to do so. "It would appear to me that a country that had much to hide on these matters would not come up with a suggestion like this," Blum asserted.

"Some of these accusations are made by people, having been apprehended by the authorities. They make confessions sometimes implicating their colleagues which makes it difficult to explain their treasonable activities. They have got to offer some explanation because they know sooner or later they will be released from prison so they offer in advance some explanation for their treason," the ambassador remarked.

"Peace becomes even more essential now because of the recent upheaval in Iran. The turmoil shows us how fragile peace treaties are that are concluded with leaders that do not democratically represent their nations, and Sadat is not a democratic leader," said Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations.

"We do not assume that Iran will become an active partner in future hostilities against Israel," Blum said.

"The new regime, (Khomeini), not the legitimate government of Baktiara or the shadow government of Barzagon, is committed to terminating oil supplies to Israel. We have to assume that oil supplies to Israel will not be resumed," the ambassador said. "From the purely Israeli point of view, the Iranian situation makes it even more urgent to conclude peace."

The Iranian economy has floundered in the wake of the Shah's departure and oil exports are at a standstill. Prior to the Shah's deposal, Israel had been receiving 60 per cent of its oil from Iran.

"Our oil supply from the Sinai is becoming more essential than in the past. We will have to regulate well in advance of the peace treaty with the Egyptians, the modalities of oil supply from the Sinai to Israel once peace is concluded," Blum said.

The ambassador said the Egyptians are holding back on the peace treaty because of the situation developing in Iran. "The problem of religious fanaticism is not confined to Iran. There is a long history of religious fanaticism, in other parts of the Moslem world," he said.

According to Blum, Egypt itself has a long history of religious fanaticism, the political expression of which is the Moslem Brotherhood.

The Moslem Brotherhood is now illegal in Egypt, but used to be very influential toward the end of the monarchy and the first years of Nassar's rule. "Ironically, Sadat was one of their members," Blum said.

"They are still powerful and they succeeded in assassinating one of Sadat's cabinet ministers last year," the ambassador said.

Blum said that political assassination is something that is not new to the Arab scene. "It very much affects the way of thinking of Arab politicians. They always have to reckon with this possibility....An assassin's bullet can always reach you."

According to Blum, the recent

developments in Iran point out the "vulnerability and fragile nature of any peace treaty in the Mideast especially when you have to conclude it with an authoritarian regime whose future depends upon the capacity of the ruler to survive politically or physically."

"I wouldn't be surprised if Sadat also took this into account and might have some second thoughts about the suitability and

desirability of having peace with Israel at this point in time," Blum said. "The question goes beyond religious fanaticism because the whole balance of power may be changing as a result of the Iranian situation."

The Middle East peace talks stalled, last December and are scheduled to reconvene February 22, 1979. A key element of the

negotiations is the issue of self-rule of the west bank and the Gaza strip. The Egyptians have been trying to link the peace treaty with a self-rule arrangement.

Blum said Israel wants the peace treaty to "stand on its own feet, and that implementation cannot be made contingent on the self-rule provisions in Judea, Sumaria and the Gaza district."

Gordon vs. 'pork choppers'

MARK REIFKIND
Sentinel Writer

State Senator Jack Gordon's Miami Beach call for Chancellor E. T. York's resignation is designed to bring the state's urban universities' crisis into the spotlight, Gordon's legislative aide, Ed Cohen, said Wednesday. Cohen said Gordon believes the problem concerns two issues.

"First, the problem is over where should the university's emphasis be. Gordon believes the universities are for students not for bureaucrats. Also, he thinks it's time to loosen the grip of the 'porkchop' philosophy that perpetuates itself in the north," Cohen said.

"That and not this Olander thing is the main thrust of the problem."

Repeated calls to York and Gordon in Tallahassee were not returned.

Cohen said the call for York's dismissal is to loosen the northern-based power to make their decisions," Cohen said.

"The basic conflict between Gordon, the BOR and York is this whole urban question; whether we're going to perpetuate Gainesville and Tallahassee (the University of Florida and Florida State University) and cater to the north. Almost all of the BOR graduated from either UF or FSU," he said.

The five northern universities, UF, FSU, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, the University of West Florida and the University of Central Florida,

Cohen said, are accessible to only 22 percent of the state's population.

FIU, FAU, USF and University of North Florida are accessible to the other 78 percent Cohen said, but don't receive support that reflects this.

The call for York's dismissal and outspoken concern over expansion

of FIU to a four-year university is Gordon's way to call attention to the problems urban schools are having, Cohen said.

"The continuation of the 'pork chop' philosophy that has ruled this state from the beginning, that is what this battle is over," Cohen said.

Hospitality nears capacity, will have to limit enrollment

DANIELLE FREDA
Sentinel Writer

The doors won't swing open as easily anymore for students entering the School of Hospitality. According to Hospitality Dean, Gerald Lattin, "We have reached our capacity in the department."

"We will have to put more emphasis on grades for admission into the program," Lattin said.

Originally, Lattin anticipated 500 students to be enrolled in Hospitality management. Now it is up to 625 and will possibly hit 700.

Lattin indicated that there is a friendly relationship between student and faculty.

"I wish to maintain this sort of relationship. Once you get beyond that point you find a trembling relationship between students and faculty. My door is very seldom closed to students," Lattin said.

Lattin pointed to several factors contributing to the demand for seats in the school:

According to Lattin, "The faculty in FIU's hospitality school

is of the finest quality that you'll find in the country."

In order to be employed as a faculty member one must have had executive experience in the industry in addition to theoretical knowledge.

There is never a credibility gap in the classroom," Lattin claimed. "The student knows that the professor is coming at them from a world of technical theoretical knowledge and also from years of experience."

There are only 16 hotel schools in the country, of which FIU ranks in the top three.

"The fact that FIU is in the Miami area is one of the great advantages for the hospitality school and its success with students. We have the ideal location for a hotel school—we're in the heart of a tourism economy," proclaimed Lattin.

Several students of the hospitality school said they are here because FIU was recommended to them by institutions such as Cornell and University of Nevada.

Iran panel discusses Khomeini, oil, Persian Gulf

MARK REIFKIND
Sentinel Writer

Iran's struggle for stable government is just beginning, with years of national introspection ahead, a panel discussing Iran's future said Thursday.

Charles MacDonald, assistant

professor of International Relations, Brian Peterson, associate professor of History and Efaf Fedaiyi, spokesperson for the Iranian students association and Charles MacDonald, assistant professor of International Relations, Brian Peterson,

associate professor of History and Efaf Fedaiyi, spokesperson for the Iranian Students Association discussed "Iran after the Shah" before over 100 persons in UH 150 and answered questions concerning the troubled nation.

MacDonald, a Middle East

specialist, said he sees four areas of conflict in Iran's future.

"Right now there are four underlign currents in Iran. First, there's the nationalists versus the imperialists. But within the nationalistic movement there's a conflict - Iran versus the rest of the Arab world. There's also the revolutionists against the traditionalists and the problem of the specific national interests of Iran itself.

"Iran will have to turn internally for a long period of time to stabilize the region," he said.

Peterson also agreed internal developments will be the key factor in the search for stability.

"There's a struggle between two groups within the bourgeoisie. There are those who are wealthy and have interest in imperialism and the policies of the Shah, such as oil officials and the officer corp of the military. But there's also the national bourgeoisie, who are connected to the wholesale trade and closely tied to the Shah; the traditionalists," he said.

Peterson predicted "a national bourgeoisie government" would rule and likened Khomeini to India's Mohandas Gandhi.

But it is the peasantry, Peterson said, who compose 40 percent of the population, that could affect permanent change.

If the Shah's land reform policies, which changed peasant land holdings from 15 percent to 50 percent, are accepted, Peterson said, a peasant uprising may be avoided. If they aren't an independent socialist uprising of peasants and workers could result, he said.

"There's still much discontent in the countryside, still incredible poverty," he said.

Fedaiyi said Iran will not be allowed to choose its own direction.

The U.S.'s stakes in Iran are too high and they will not let the Iranians choose their own form of government," she said.

"The U.S. is preparing the American people for a military intervention. They're doing this by bringing out the question of oil."

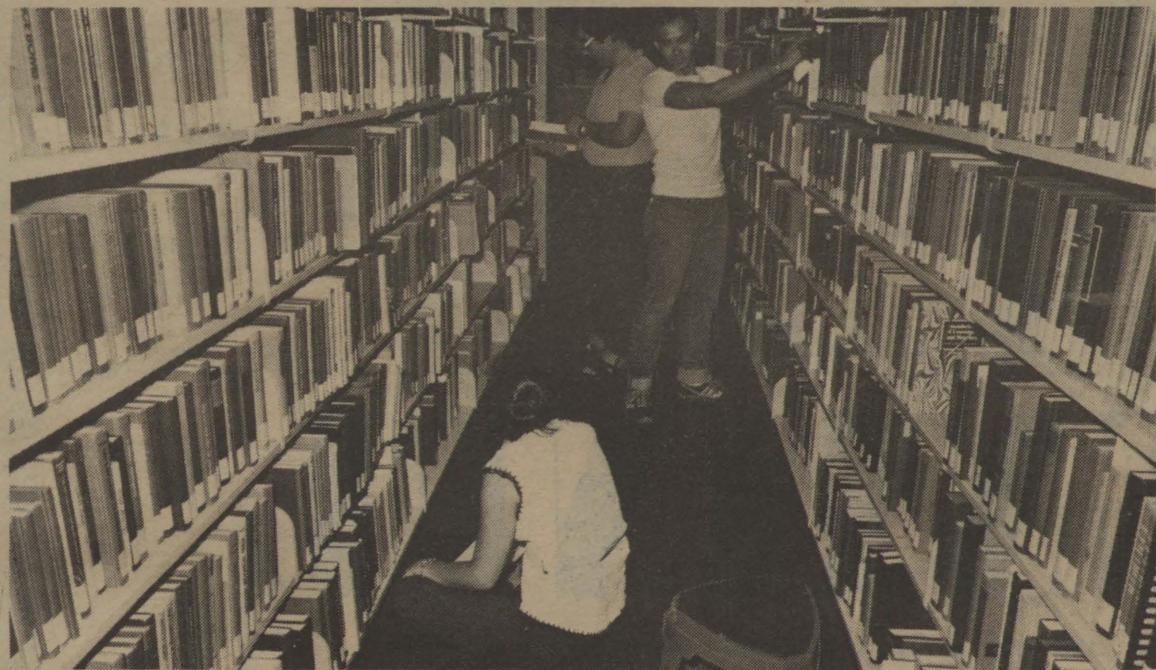
In an emotional question-answer period, agreement seemed to be reached that a Khomeini government would be a set-back for rights gained by women under the Shah.

According to Fedaiyi, a woman, the important aspect, though, is that the Shah has been deposed and that a popular government would soon rule Iran. "Neither men nor women had freedom under the Shah," she said.

Peterson and Fedaiyi were critical of press coverage of the developments. Peterson commented the press is overly concerned with events and should have reported attitudes of military personnel, peasants and workers.

Fedaiyi said that the press was giving the mistaken impressions that "fanatical Moslems" were responsible for the revolution, and that the Shah had modernized Iran.

Speaking in general of U.S. attitudes toward developing countries Peterson commented, "Democracy as we know it...is a luxury not suited to the needs of the Third World."



Library woes: no end in sight

MELANIE MILLER
News Editor

Presently hours are restored, but by summer's end the library may be forced to curtail its services if operating money is not received from other sources.

"If our hands are again tied on use of OCO money (this year's funds were largely earmarked for purchasing books) or if we do not have a sufficient OPS (other Personal Service) budget or if we do not receive the requested \$75,000 from the SGA or other sources, then we will have to cut services in September," said Library Social Director Clifford Dawdy.

However, trouble may occur during the summer if an insufficient number of students do

not apply for college work-study. "It is very difficult to find college work-study students in the summer," reported Dawdy.

OPS workers, payed from the library budget, cost four times that of college work-study students.

This summer, service curtailments will occur only in public service areas such as shelving, circulation desk and reserve room help, and will probably go unnoticed, assured Dawdy.

Last year the library requested \$100,000 from the SGA, but were denied because members felt it was the university's responsibility to adequately fund the library.

Feeling the financial crunch library administrators were forced

to close their doors earlier.

As a solution, scholarship funds were requested from the various schools. All six donated sums ranging from \$1,000 (Hospitality School) to \$11,000 from Public Affairs.

Asterisk replaced by new grade

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Sentinel Writer

Student transcripts now reflect a course retake grade, along with the original grade rather than an asterisk. This change took effect in September, 1978.

According to the Director of Registration and Records, Javier Lopez-Calleja, "The catalogue was printed before the council met to change the policy concerning courses re-taken."

The policy in the catalogue reads that a student who repeats a course for which credit was not received,

may have that designation removed by repeating the course and filing a repeated course form in the office of admissions and records.

Once done, the old grade was replaced by an asterisk and no longer computed in the GPA.

The new grade for the course is computed in the GPA.

"When a graduate school sees an asterisk, normally they will assume an 'F'. Assumptions are no longer there-the actual grade that the student earned is. This is helping the student in effect," Calleja remarked.

Basically the old method did not hurt the student who failed a course, but it did hurt the individual who may have earned a "C". This led graduate schools to assume that the student received an "F".

Cutback will go for re-vote

Melanie Miller
News Editor

Voting procedures on the bonded-indebtedness amendment were ruled illegal and a special election will be held during the last week of this month.

International Court justices found the petition invalid because the ballots of Arts and Sciences, Public Affairs and Technology were lumped in one voting box.

This voting procedure prevented enactment of the petitions because Article XII-Initiative, under the SGA constitution, states: "Approval by a simple majority of the total votes

cast and a simple majority of votes cast in four schools or colleges shall enact the revision or amendment immediately into law."

Since the petition to cap SGA emoluments at 5,000 was included on the same ballot as the bonded-indebtedness amendment, both must be included on the ballot during the special election.

The amendment and the petition are not separated issues. A yes or no voted decided the outcome for both.

These issues passed during the winter election 137 to 74.

Asst. dean searches for boss

SUSAN SCHWARTZ
Sentinel Writer

A question of conflict of interest has arisen in the School of Technology's search and screen committee. Katherine Curry, currently assistant dean in the School of Technology is chairperson of the committee.

"I think it is ethically inappropriate for any school to have anyone in the dean's office involved in recommending the person for the deanship," stated committee member, Jim Couch.

"I think that there should have been some type of neutral position taken on the chair.

Committee member Jim McDonald felt that Rurry shouldn't chair the committee "because there's a possibility that the acting dean (Professor Jack Clark) would have his application in there and it could put the assistant dean in a hazardous position."

Co-chairman Iraj Majzub and committee member Margaret Waid felt there was no problem in having Curry serve as chairperson.

"I don't see any conflicts and especially since she's not a candidate for the deanship," stated Waid.

Curry declined comment. "Since that question has never been asked of me, I have no comment," Curry said.

Mossinson—sower of culture

MARIANNE MURCIANO
Sentinel Writer

Avital Mossinson, general manager of the Jerusalem Theater spoke at Florida International University February 6 about music, and the formation of Israeli culture.

According to Mossinson, there is little common ground between Israeli Jews, making it difficult for a specific culture to grow. Until recently most Jews did not participate in concerts, theater productions, ballets, music and festivals.

In 1973 Mossinson became the general manager of the Jerusalem Theater which, until then, was known as "the white elephant of Jerusalem" because of its huge size and emptiness.

Mossinson started a program with the goal of creating an audience.

He began by getting the children of Jerusalem interested in the theater. Children between the ages of five and ten were taken twice a year to the theater. Between the ages of ten and 18, students attend a concert, a ballet and a theater each year.

Children were never forced to go but were prepared in advance by having actors visit schools and speak about their performances.

Follow-up meetings with actors and translators were also held. Children were then encouraged to bring parents.

"It works wonderfully," explained Mossinson, "for many adults it's their first time at the theater."

Recently this program was started in other cities in Israel. According to Mossinson, in six years the number of evening visits to the theater increased five times. Over 50 percent of the population attends more than five times a year and ten percent are regular subscribers.

In the next phase of the program, theater from abroad was brought to Israel. Tourists were also encouraged to attend events, especially during the Spring Festival.

Television productions of theater presentations also began to sell, Mossinson said. Most stage and television profits are reinvested to attract more children to the events.

During Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Israel, Mossinson conducted and arranged all media coverage. He was a journalist for 15 years and wrote for a youth paper. He also worked for national television in Israel.

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Editorial

Melodrama beyond Herald's means

In any business, there are production short-cuts. In the newspaper business, a favorite short-cut is to pick a procedural issue where a substantive issue exists. Procedural issues are cut-and-dried, while substantive issues are messy and less cost effective to produce.

The most simplistic of melodramas pits a procedural villain—the mortgage broker—against the substantive heroes—the down-and-out homesteaders.

The Miami Herald, like most newspapers, frequently runs stories along the lines of that melodrama. It's a well-worn path—a simple path the Herald chose not to travel with FIU's future.

In the sordid melodrama which has developed over the selection of the next president, the Herald has largely ignored the substantive issue—whether or not Miami should have a standard public university—to deal with the horrifying revelation that Senator Jack Gordon tried to exert political pressure in the pristine realm of higher education as embodied in Chancellor E.T. York. To the Herald, the story line goes: "Senator bridges structural gap between politics and education."

Such a thrust is too naive to be trusted.

Even immaculately underspoken Regent Murray Dubbin says, "You can't take politics out of politics."

Perhaps "Senator fighting to bring adequate higher education to one-quarter of the state's population" is too laudatory a headline for a senator who is personally and politically successful enough to lack fear.

If there is anything the press hates above all it is a politician who can't be manipulated (solely by the press, of course.)

Further, the Herald ran a misleading report which implied that Gordon's motives we're solely political—in the worst sense. The top of the story has Gordon saying, "It's all political." That implication is clear.

However, the full quote, "It's all political—the Chancellor, the Board of Regents," appears as the very last paragraph. Quite a different context.

Throughout its coverage, the Herald neglects to mention that Executive Vice President Joseph Olander has at least a majority support in virtually every segment of the FIU community. Instead it tantalizes the reader by characterizing Olander as "a friend of Gordon's."

To quote out of context and give incomplete facts is simply unethical. But to have ignored a substantive issue in lieu of a highly tenuous procedural issue is to have denied a sacred responsibility.

However, this is not surprising from an industry that found it easier to force a president from office than to expose a genocidal war in Southeast Asia.

After all, the president was withholding information and that is the raw material of the industry.

by Bob Shanbrom

Are they cop-tics for police?

Brother Louv turned me on the other day with an article in the Coptic Times about the history of Ganja in America. Not to plagiarize, but I found some additional information very interesting indeed:

Cannabis Sativa, also known as marijuana and hemp, has been used since antiquity as a source for several products. The fiber was used for rope and cloth, the seeds for oil and bird food. The leaves and resin were used for medicine

Cannabis was brought to the United States by the first European settlers, who also planted it in Jamestown in 1611. Indeed, the early settlers were required by their contracts with the Crown's Virginia Company to grow cannabis.

The fiber of the plant was used locally, and by 1630 as much as one-half of the clothing worn by the colonists was made from hemp. The fiber was also used in twine, rope, paper, blankets, and canvas

Criminal Justice Today by Clinton Nye

(which derives its name from U.S. Department of Justice. cannabis).

Hemp was so important to the colonists that by 1762 Virginia imposed penalties on those who did not cultivate it. The importance of cannabis to the colonists is also evidenced by George Washington's diaries which discuss the cultivation of cannabis.

— The above article was quoted from MARIJUANA, a study of State Policies and Penalties by the National Governors Conference Center for policy research and analysis. The study was prepared by Peat Marwick, Mitchell and Company under grant number 76-N1-99065 to the National Governors Conference awarded by the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement Administration,

So what the hell are they waiting for legalize the stuff! If George Washington planted it in his garden, what other excuse does our American heritage need?

OK, Brother Louv, point well taken. But what about your neighbors who have been disturbed by all the commotion you have caused on Star Island? Do we really need little children smoking the stuff, right on TV? I'm open-minded enough to take a stab at understanding your religion, and certainly don't question your rights in that area. I wonder just one thing that seems to be universal worldwide; has Brother Louv ever heard of "Love thy neighbor?"

That's my comment, your comments are welcome.

Introducing —Cassandra's Corner

FIND YOURSELF IN TODAY'S ARMY

If the Carter Administration has its way, you might do just that by early 1980. Under pressure from the Pentagon and from many national newspapers (including the Miami Herald) it seems very likely that the President will re-institute the draft.

This new draft will be aimed primarily at eighteen year-olds of both sexes. It has not been decided exactly what form this new conscription will take, so at this point

Cassandra's Corner

by Joe Murphy

this is all we can tell you.

SLIPPED YOUR DISCO?

Then try some of the other musical events that are emerging in Miami. The Grove Cinema, located at 3199 Grand Avenue in Coconut Grove, features live music every Monday night beginning at 10:00 p.m. Performers include

mostly local musicians. Noteworthy among them are two former members of Stephen Stills' Manassas, bassist Fuzzy Samuels and keyboard man Paul Harris. And now and then a surprise artist makes an appearance, such as the unexpected visit of David Crosby a few months back. The price of admission is a righteous \$2, and if you get the munchies there is a natural food snack bar and draft beer on tap. If you require anything else, the owners request you do it before entering the theatre.

Are the hip bones still connected to the funnybones?

As we discussed last installment, American culture is backsliding into the fifties and it's turning to humor on a mass scale to ease its guilt.

Comedy albums, stand-up comics, and "humorous" TV shows proliferate.

Amazingly enough, Cracked magazine still exists and people are even buying it!

All this might seem rather healthy on the surface, but a little spot-checking reveals that most current American humor is soulless. It's as if the Reader's Digest joke-writing staff has won the election....

A society's humor is a basic indicator of the character of that society. When your jokes become subtly reactionary, you'd better take a close look at yourself.

Here's the basic rule of thumb: If your humor is not somehow artistic, absurd, abstract, or askew, you are probably an asshole, a redneck, or a mass culture junkie.

As we shall see later, there is an important condition to this rule.

Earlier this week, an ostensibly hip acquaintance told me a Jimmy Carter joke.

A Jimmy Carter joke.

99% of all Jimmy Carter jokes, like Nixon jokes, like Playboy party jokes, are redneck jokes. These are the very same jokes, the same damn sensibilities, at which two cracker policemen, a couple of slick stereo salesmen, maybe a pair of rich liberals at a cocktail party, might slap their paunches

Report from the Coast by Andy West

and laugh uproariously. If you tell a straight joke, you are a straight person.

A "straight joke" ceases to be straight, of course, when the telling of the joke itself becomes the joke, as is the case with Classic Humor.

When somebody pulls off a Halloween mask to cries of "Ugh, Put it back on!" We have a case of classic humor. Everybody knows the joke already, it's their attitudes that make it funny.

Back to the "artistic, absurd, abstract, or askew" rule: the qualifier to this axiom is that the joke in question must always be inspired.

When Steve Martin first hit the national comedy circuit, he was brilliant, he was inspired, he had something to say.

Today his jokes are still artistic, absurd, abstract and askew, but they are no longer inspired, they are no longer spontaneous. Steve Martin found a comfortable niche and he hasn't progressed.

Several years ago, Martin bought some trained dogs onto the Johnny Carson Show. He had the dogs sit down and he started telling them jokes. The dogs became bored and began to yawn, then one of them got up and pissed on Martin's leg. Hilarious.

Johnny Carson wasn't amused

and Steve Martin was barred from the show.

Today, Steve Martin sits on the Carson Show and he's part of the Establishment. He doesn't dare alienate anyone these days; he retells those jokes that were

wonderfully spontaneous two years ago but are moneymaking and safe today. Sometimes the old sparkle shows through, mostly he's another victim of mass marketing and packaging.

(Perhaps he will become fresh again through his films, a new medium.)

To close this column on an upbeat note, to assuage the miami chauvinists, and to clue you in on a

new fad, I'll give you the latest rage in humor, the California joke....

Q. How many Californians does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

A. Five. One to screw in the bulb, four to share in the experience.

Q. How many Californians does it take to water a plant?

A. Two. One to soak it with the Perrier, one to talk to it.

Etcetera.

NIKKI GIOVANNI

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'Princess of Black Poetry'

Letter

No thanks on free thrills

To The Sentinel:

In these times of inflation, it is refreshing to find that some things in life are still free. Reading Mrs. G's column, I have come to realize

that there are not only cheap thrills, but some of them are even free. Thanks, but no thanks.

Florence Nightingale

A Valentines wish: Love, laughter, contentment

It is the week for hearts and flowers interlaced with rainbows and pink hearts hung on the stars. Romance radiates with a refreshing glow as we remember friends and lovers alike. It's the lovely time of the year to mend hearts and renew vows of love and caring.

Even though there is not now an "only" man in my life, I'm sustained by warm memories and beautiful friends. I wish I could send you all a bright valentine, but know I hold you close as very special people, who have captured by heart with your warmth. I wish for you all a week of love, laughter and contentment; colorful garlands of flamboyant flowers and the promise of sun-washed happiness. Remember to send your mother a valentine, but don't tell Mrs. G had to remind you.

The friendly atmosphere of both of your campuses can merge now into a circle of love. Reach out to touch another with a special card or hug. If you wash a touch of the unusual send a card or sugar flower to someone in trouble. Recognize again that hearts cast on the evening breezes have a way of drifting back to you multiplied with good vibes.

I'm a junior woman, dating one man almost every night and I need to know something I can give a man, other than sex, to make his Valentines Day special.

A. Give him a large rounded stone, painted pink with hearts to

Across Mrs. G's Desk

by Marian Z. Grabowski

use as a desk weight. Something you make infinitely more sentimental. Run over to Diamonds and pick up a cardboard heart with a rainbow on it, tie it with a pink ribbon and staple roses and lace around the edges. I promise you he'll cherish it. Buy an inexpensive heart-shaped pillow (also at Diamonds), or make one, and edge it with lace. It'll soon be a special place in his heart and bedroom. Matching halves of a heart (you keep one) are in. So are two plush animals hugging one another. Use your imagination; let it flow like spring waters in the Everglades. Bring him a rainbow decal or make it yourself. A book of the pointers of love is always delightful, whether it be Rod McKuen or Chaucer. Bake him heart-shaped cookies. Invite him to dinner with candlelight and your cooking. See—there are endless ways to express love, particularly when it's been built on friendship. And, in passing, what happened to the fine man from FIU into whose life I quite literally entered, bumper-to-bumper, some years ago? Have a happy week; smile, make a new friend and remember the unsung heroes on your campus. Enrich

their lives and yours with a special greeting. Professors you appreciate might faint, but send your best wishes to the best.

Q. I must have an abortion. I love the man, we can't afford marriage nor a stable home now.

A. Talk with him first and if you agree then go to the abortion clinic on the 7th floor of Children's Cardiac Hospital—to the clinic where you will be treated with empathetic compassion. No other place, please, except your own gynecologist. If, after searching communication, you decide this is your only answer, move fast. There are alternative paths and open doors in this difficult time. You may wish to bear your child, raise him or turn him over to the empty arms of a good couple for adoption. Good luck, honey, and remember, if you go the abortion way, expect a few days of the blues. Hold tight to the strong arm of the man you love.

Q. I thought your talk at the Hillel deli-lunch was simply great.

Please come back soon. I didn't really know you were a real person with an inner beauty.

A. Thank you. Your words enfold me in warmth in a happy Valentine message.

Q. I'm young and shy but I really want to know other students. I feel alone.

A. Make the first move. Talk to the students in your classes. Smile, don't hide. It's quite proper to ask a man who is attractive to you to share a cup of coffee or a glass of beer at the Rat. You are much younger, honey, than the mean age of students on your campus. Use your charm, and bright brain to liven up your social life. Join an interest group, preferably with a large male population.

Q. Can handicapped (like in a wheelchair) have sex?

A. Yes, unless you try it in the wheelchair. It could tip over. Depending on the condition of handicap, orgasm may not be reached, at least at first. Practice enters the cerebral cortex which will begin to receive pleasant sensations via the ophthalmic route, sometimes with only a total body groan. Sometimes all the fireworks occur.

A. to no question—To seredipity yourself—Thanks for the flowers. You are a man of great vision and intuitive knowledge of women. Bless you.

Q. Will use of a suction machine increase my breast size?

A. No way. Try breast stroke swimming in the ocean, pool or air. That builds up the underlying muscle and makes your breasts seem larger. Breast is glandular tissue with a minimum of connective tissue. Use that confounded apparatus which makes mush out of breasts, and I guarantee yours will droop to your navel.

Q. I've had two babies and my vagina is a cavern. What can I do?

A. Try this first; then go get a gyn check-up and ask the physician: The interdigital muscle of the pelvic floor describes sphincter muscles around all openings in your bottom.

Three times a day for about 15 times, squeeze those helpful muscles as if you were cutting off urination in midstream. Even your professor won't know if you do it in class. This not only tightens up the vagina, but we know now the same exercise will benefit men, leading to more sustained erection. Start today. If the results aren't startling in a month, go see your physician and ask him or her. Your perineal repair after childbirth might be inadequate. In any case become a squeeze-play addict. This just recently entered the literature. Being a physiologist I figured it out long ago and know it works. You'll be thankful when you reach my age.

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Pick your favorite color; there are a million to choose from: from primary colors like reds, blues, yellows and greens to new brights like fushia, teal, sienna, and more, and white. They can be spruced up arm complete the look.

What's in Fashion

by Kim Jacke

have been warmed and spiced up for the new season, and just made to be touched up with lots of brights.

Two perfect basics to use with all the new shades are good ole black and white. They can be spruced up with any color. Black not only comes through for evening, but for

day also, for a contrast between the new hues. White is the best color to play with red, and yellow, and green, together or separate. A really clean summery look.

Color is available in anything and everything. In belts for coloring the waistline. Shoes and sandals with two and three bright colors at a time. Socks are to be seen with shorts either rolled up or down in crazy colors. Stacks of bright bangles up and down your arm complete the look.

So find your color and enjoy.

Benefits and dangers of genetic engineering

In preparation for a lecture on genetic engineering by Dr. Bruce Levin, to be presented Wed., February 20, at 12:30 pm in AT 100, the Biology Club, sponsor of the event, has provided the following background:

Bacteria, like most other organisms, adapt to the environments in which they find themselves. A significant portion of the adaptation of some bacteria to their environment involves the use of genes carried by extrachromosomal elements known as plasmids. The most notorious of these adaptations is antibiotic resistance.

Here the carriage of plasmids known as R-factors make otherwise sensitive bacteria simultaneously resistant as many as six different antibiotics. Other plasmid determined characters include: toxin production, utilization of novel food sources, production of antibacterial agents, sex and degradation of en-

vironmental pollutants.

Plasmids were discovered during a hospital diarrhea outbreak in which the bacteria were found to be resistant to antibiotics. Over the last twenty years more esoteric characters have been discovered or synthesized in the lab.

For example, A.M. Chakrabarty is in the process of "making" a pseudomonas bacterium which eats oil spills. When completed, oil spills will be readily eliminated by simply dumping billions of bacteria on the spill. They will gobble it up.

On the negative side, recent evidence has been presented that certain plant tumors are caused by the insertion of particular bacterial plasmids into the cells of the eukaryotic host organism, and some biologists feel that similar mechanisms may be operative in some human tumors.

Although all plasmids are

replicated and linearly transmitted in the course of cell division, some plasmids can also be infectious transmitted by conjugational sexual coupling between plasmid-bearing and plasmid-free cells.

In this talk Dr. Levin will summarize the results of his theoretical and experimental studies of the population biology of conjugationally transmitted plasmids.

He will give particular consideration to the conditions for the existence of plasmids. That is, the conditions under which plasmids can become established and be maintained in bacterial populations.

He will briefly discuss the implications of these results to the problem of the spread of antibiotic resistance in populations of bacteria and the contamination risk associated with the use of plasmids as vectors for recombinant DNA cloning.

Finally, he will speculate on the possible significance of these infectious genetic elements in bacterial evolution.

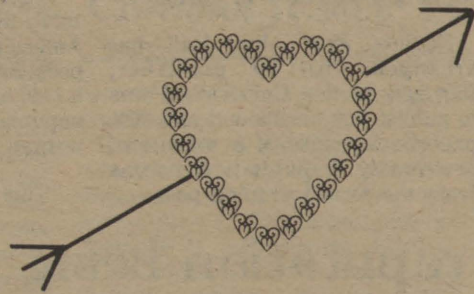
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George Valcarce photos

Early reg uncovers cancellations

MARK DURHAM
Sentinel Writer

Early registration for the Spring quarter will take place on both campuses this week.

Director of Registration and Records Javier Lopez says "that academic advisors will be available from 8:30 am-5:00 pm for students with appointments.

The School of Business, which has a central advising office, will be able to handle students during evening hours as well.

"Pre-Registration Week is set up to lessen the volume of traffic

that occurs on registration day, and acts as a crutch for students to discover class cancelations, and make changes before classes begin," Lopez stated.

Some 7,500 students at the Tamiami Campus and 1,800 students at the North Miami Campus go through the pre-registration each quarter.

Lopez stressed the importance for students to make correct indications on their grading option on the registration course request form, because no changes will be made after it is submitted. He also added that two to four counselors

will be available in the Primera Casa Building on Tamiami during the week at all times. All fees remain the same.

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FIU poetry award among nation's most prized

JEFF DALY
Sentinel Writer

The university is, in a small way, going into the book publishing business. The Anne Sexton Prize for poetry has been enlarged to include a \$500 advance on royalties from publication of the prize-

winning poet's book of poems.

English Prof Jim Hall has arranged with his publisher, Carnegie Mellon University Press to publish 500 hardbound and 2000 paperback copies of a volume of previously unpublished poems from the award winning poet.

The award, which was begun in 1977 to commemorate one of America's Pulitzer-prize winning poets had, until this year, provided a \$150 cash prize to the single best unpublished poem submitted by a woman.

"This puts it among the very best

literary awards in the country," Hall said. "Most awards provide publication and very little cash."

Over 7,000 submissions were received by the English Dept. this year. Hall claimed his office was literally packed with mailbags. Sixty poems were selected for final review and were forwarded to American poet Linda Pastan for her judgment and ultimate selection.

Pastan selected co-winners for the award. The winners, Kathryn Terrill of Oregon and Honor Johnson of California are, according to Hall, "widely published, good writers who have already started to get a reputation."

Neither Hall nor Pastan were aware of the stature of the eventual winners during the selection process. "I guess their selection confirmed the good judgment of the final judge," Hall remarked.

The Anne Saxton Prize is sponsored by former FIU adjunct professor Kent Watkins. Watkins will provide \$3,500 each year to the Florida International University Foundation which will make the money available to Carnegie

Mellow University Press to publish the books.

Watkins owns an international urban management consulting firm. He said his interest in Anne Sexton was provided by a friend who introduced her and other poetry at a time when he was in need of something other than urban policy reports and statistics. "When she died suddenly," he stated, "I felt as if I had known her as someone very close to me and wanted to do something to maintain the spirit of her poetry."

The contest is more a professional concern of faculty than a direct benefit to students, according to Hall. It will be conducted on a closed submission basis and nominations will have to be made by established writers.

The purpose of the award is to "find somebody no one knows yet who is very good," asserted Hall. He expects to solicit writers from literary magazines, suggesting they submit a manuscript for consideration.

The published work of this year's award recipients is expected to come out at the end of this year.

FIU's pre-med reputation being established by five years of successful graduates

MARIANNE MURCIANO
Sentinel Writer

The percentage of Pre-Med students accepted into Medical School has increased in the past years at the university.

The Pre-Med Advisory and valuation Committee is partly responsible for the increase, according to Biological Sciences Assistant Professor Martin L. Tracey, Jr.

PMAEC is a committee chaired by Physical Sciences Associate Professor Stephen L. Mintz which evaluates students at the student's request. The committee's recommendation is forwarded to

the medical schools of their choice upon the candidate's approval. Evaluation is performed on a

basis of students' grade point average, the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), retention, instructors' evaluation and comments, and a personal interview with each student.

— Though the average for acceptance varies from year to year depending on the quantity and quality of the students, according to Mintz, about 50 percent of those who applied last year were accepted. The national average for acceptance is approximately 5 percent.

According to Tracey, PMAEC has established credibility with the University of Miami's Medical School program among others.



Communications calls on Franklin for aid in funding

Barbara Worby
Sentinel Writer

The Benjamin Franklin Society has been established by the School of Technology's communications program to obtain outside funds for nine spring quarter classes. School of Technology Associate

Professor James E. Couch, said the communications program needs approximately \$7,000 by March 15 "because of funding cutbacks affecting spring quarter adjuncts."

School of Technology Acting Dean Jack Clark explained the reason for the funding shortage

throughout the University: "The Board of Regents allocates money to the University each academic year based on enrollment projections of full-time students.

We have overpredicted the enrollment at FIU for the past three years."

FIU was allocated less money than the projected enrollment indicated was needed for the 1978-79 academic year.

Clark said, "I do not know how much money will be given the communications program for spring adjuncts because I do not program for spring adjuncts

know exactly how much will be available."

The purpose of the Benjamin Franklin Society is to further the communications program. It will appeal to communications program alumni, students and private corporations.

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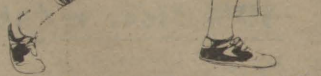
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Striker Njie will battle ex-teammates

The North American Soccer League's Ft. Lauderdale Strikers open their 1979 pre-season schedule against the FIU Sunblazers on Sunday afternoon, February 18th, 3 p.m., at the FIU soccer stadium on the Tamiami Campus.

The contest will mark the third time the sides have met in this annual February exhibition. The series now stands at one victory each, with the Sunblazers winning last season's encounter by a 4-2 SCORE.

The match will also provide Sunblazer soccer fans their first chance to view former FIU star Al Njie in a Strikers' uniform. Njie, from Sweetwater, Fla., who holds two all-time university records for most career assists (23) and most career points (65), was taken by the Ft. Lauderdale club in the third round of the NASL college draft last January 31.

Since donning Strikers' colors,

Njie has performed in the Budweiser Indoor Invitational in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he was credited with two goals in one match against the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Another former Sunblazer who should see action for the Strikers will be Curtis Leeper, FIU's 1976 MVP.

Admission to the exhibition is a \$2.00 donation for adults and \$1.00 for students and children under 18. Following the contest, a post-game party will be held at the Rathskeller, open free to all. For tickets and additional information, contact the FIU Athletic Office in Building W-4 at 552-2756.

SUNSPOTS: Les Peterson, FIU's first soccer All-American in 1977, who played one season for the Strikers, has been traded by the Ft. Lauderdale club to the Cleveland



Jerry Margolin photo

FORMER SUNBLAZER STAR, Al Njie, now with the Ft. Lauderdale Strikers, will return.

entry in the Major Indoor Soccer League...The NASL's Detroit Express will hold a two week spring camp at the FIU soccer

stadium beginning on Saturday, February 17th...Kyle Rote, Jr., will be filming a TV commercial at the star of the NASL's Houston FIU soccer stadium beginning on Hurricane and son of the former Tuesday morning, February 13th.

Phase III means better facilities Sports Briefs

You've just finished that outrageous midterm in quant, so you unwind by going over to the weight room for a workout, spend a few minutes in the sauna, swim a few laps in the pool, then have lunch at the recreational Pavilion Building.

The professor lets you out early from that evening class so you decide to catch the last few innings of the women's softball game against the University of Miami before heading home for a good night's sleep.

Where, you ask, can you do all these things. Right here at FIU, if the student government approves the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports proposal for Phase III, the recreational building program for the North Miami campuses.

Phase III is the third in a series of plans aimed at upgrading recreational facilities at FIU in accordance with the University's master plan which would provide a well-organized group of recreational and athletic facilities including a centrally-located teaching gymnasium.

If funding is approved, Phase III would provide additional racquetball and tennis courts, a



Jerry Margolin photo

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Tom Wonderling

parcourse physical fitness trail, a swimming pool, lighting for present facilities, locker rooms, equipment, space, and a recreational pavilion that would serve to support the swimming facility with convenience needs, dining and other leisure outlets.

For North Miami, it would mean tennis and racquetball courts, locker room facilities and upgrading of the waterfront facilities which are scheduled to be

in operation during the spring quarter.

Tom H. Wonderling, Director of Athletics and Recreational Sports explains the rationale behind the building of Phase III, "Society has become more 'fitness' conscious in recent years. This is what's pushing the trend away from merely sports spectating to active personal participation. With these changes and those most likely to take place during the next quarter of a century, the importance of providing modern, functional and adequate facilities has never been greater."

Phase III has been developed to facilitate recreational and student needs, according to Wonderling. These needs have been identified from building committee meetings and recreational interest surveys taken in the fall of 1977 by the School of Education and the Athletic Department.

"We here at Florida International University are a very rapidly growing institution, and our facilities must keep pace with this growth in order for our University to be successful."

North Miami chess tournament

Sign-up begins on Feb. 19 for the North Miami Campus Chess Tournament which runs from Feb. 21 through March 7. Interested parties may register at the Trade Center Building Room 110 or Student Activities Room TC 114D. For additional information, contact Peg Hertz at 940-5800 or Cap Weinstein at 940-5804.

'Pat's Blast'

Seating Remains For "Pat's Blast" an evening's salute to former FIU All American Ms. Pat Bradley, on Thursday evening, Feb. 15th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 16500 N.W. Second Avenue, in North Miami. Cost is \$20.00 per seat with all proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society and FIU Women's Athletics. For reservations or additional information, contact the Sunblazers at 552-2756.

Baseball begins

The 1979 FIU baseball team opens its season this Friday, Feb. 16, at home against the University of Tampa. The 60-game schedule includes such powers as the University of Miami, Southwest Conference champ Texas A M, Georgia Southern, and Division III national champ Glassboro State. For a copy of this season's schedule, call Rich at 552-2756. Admission is free to all home games.

Women's tennis league organizes

Any University female interested in trying out for a recreational tennis league should attend trials on Feb. 16, at 5 p.m., at the Tamiami tennis courts. League play begins March 2 through May 2. The league will consist of teams from FIU, Coral Pines, Marriott, Olympic and Continental Parks. For additional information, contact Rose Brown at 551-2756.

Wrestling

Grapplers hobble home with fifth

The FIU wrestling squad returned home with a fifth-place finish in the Southeastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Championships held last weekend in Sewanee, Tenn. The Sunblazers finished with 33 points in the 11 team field.

Bill Sopko at 158 pounds, Rich Blake at 167 pounds, and Rich Fatigati at 690 pounds, all ended with third place individual finishes. Bill McCashill at 118

pounds, Tim Celso at 126 pounds and Lou Alveraz at 134 pounds were fourth place finishers.

Injuries, too, played an important part in how the Sunblazers fared. Co-captain Bill Hoke once again injured his left ankle and Nate Richardson hurt a leg which forced them both to default from the competition. — FIU must once again attempt to patch themselves up as they

prepare for next weekend's NCAA Division II South Regionals in Orlando, Fla. Only winners of each weigh class are eligible to advance to the NCAA National Championships to be held in Brookings, South Dakota, February 22-24.

SUNSPOTS: Bill Sopko recorded his 24th victory of the season in Sewanee, and now stands five victories short of the season record of 29 held by Robert Georger, set in 1975-1976.

Fencing

Duelers foil all opponents again

Stick a black patch over one eye, a pirate's hat on his head and a sword in one hand and FIU fencing coach Bill Benton could swash-buckle with Erroll Flynn in one of those one-time pirate flicks.

Practicing each Tuesday and Thursday evening in FIU's Tursair Building, Benton has guided his Lady Sunblazer fencing team to its third consecutive state fencing crown.

Led by Christine Salterio, Nora

Martinez and Cindy Chicvera, Florida International has clinched the state title awarded by the Florida Intercollegiate Fencing Association (FIFA).

Entering the last meet of the season, next weekend in Cocoa Beach, FIU has an insurmountable eight-point lead over Florida State and an 18 point advantage over third place Miami-Dade C.C.

The Florida International

Fencing Club is sponsored by the FIU Recreational Sports Department and is open for participation by anyone on campus whether student, faculty or staff.

Benton emphasizes that there is no age limit for successful fencers. Anyone from age 6 through 66 is able to compete. For additional information, contact Barbra Higgins at 271-2936

Sports Calendar

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

Pat Bradley Testimonial, Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 16500 N.W. Second Avenue, North Miami. Cost \$20.00 per person. All proceeds benefit American Cancer Society and FIU Women's Athletics. Call 552-2756 for reservations and additional information.

Sailing Club meeting, UH316, 12:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball begins Falconette Invitational, MDCC-North

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

Women's Tennis vs. Rollins College, 2 p.m., Home

Baseball vs. U. of Tampa, 2 p.m., Home

Men's Tennis vs. Miami-Dade N.W.C. quad, Moore Park, Miami Beach

Wrestling begins NCAA Div. II South Regionals, Orlando, Fla.

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