Against the wall.
This is where all students are at one point in time. The difficulty begins when all aspects of student life join with the pressures of the outside world. In the long run, the pressure, red tape and general frustration are overlooked in order to meet the ultimate goal of GRADUATION. Photo by Tony Asbury.
What does it mean to get a diploma? Why do college students have to suffer through graduation and other events to obtain a piece of paper? What are all the activities that students and faculty are going through during this time? Photos by Tony Asbury.
Balancing Act
By Julie O'Dell

hrhigggh!!! Frustration, deadlines, term papers, working, mid-terms, pressure. We all felt it. All of these gripping components comprised the college lifestyle.

Inevitably, at one point in time as students, we found ourselves in a state of turmoil. A term was coined that described this life we lived — Against the Wall. The wall could be considered an obstacle to be conquered in order to obtain a goal. Students were forced to balance all facets of life in order to make schedules conducive to the college lifestyle.

Lunch breaks were used for study time and social events were second on the priority list. Homework was always an infinite nag. The wall was there, everyday. No one ever said it was going to be easy.

CHARGE!!!
Trumpeting the team to a victory during the homecoming game is Manny Lamazares as he plays a rendition of the rally song "CHARGE". Photo by Julie O'Dell.

Graduation greetings.
1988 Graduates were the first class to hold outdoor ceremonies at the University Park Campus. Fortunately, the skies were clear and the commencement went well for Gloria Rodriguez as she adjusts her cap. Photo by Darmo Redondo.
Taking Time to Let Loose

By Julie O'Dell

Schedules against the wall when the priorities were maintained and the juggling act began with social, school, home, and personal lives.

Letting loose was necessary and organizations like Student Government Association hosted theme weeks which pulled in a good number of students. Students found reasons to stay at the University even after classes were finished. The Homecoming celebration pulled in more people than in previous years, the International Festival highlighted Tom Wolfe, a Model U.N., and the Copacabana dancers. Both the Rathskeller and "Thursdays on the Bay" proved to be essential and pulled in students in the partying frame of mind.

SeaEscape and the Suntan Jam were also deemed necessary for escaping the everyday.

Have you got that spirit?

With a display for the winning team, the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority applauds a layup during the Homecoming game. Photo by Julie O'Dell.

Standing proud.

With faithful attendance, Lydia Rogers stands patiently, awaiting a successful free shot in the Sunblazer Arena.
Back to Camelot?

By Barbara Valdes

The residents of Camelot always returned. Here they began racy careers of glory and honor. The world viewed them as champions, and for these champions, Camelot was home. Even in the midst of adversity, they would return. But FIU's populace wasn't so sure their school was Camelot in 1989. Although homecoming attendance shot up 300% over last year, the total still accounts for only a maximum 10% of the FIU student body.

The homecoming committee mailed 30,000 slick-coated postcards announcing the event and encouraging people to Return to Camelot, their home. Of the thirty, 20,000 cards went to students, and another 10,000 went to alumni. Homecoming attendance was 2,000 for the week. Not figuring for the attendance of faculty, staff, or residents of the surrounding community, this is only a 6.7% response to the mailed ads.

Manny Lamazares, adviser of the committee, said the main reason for the low attendance is the composition of the FIU student body. A large percentage of the students are in their late twenties and early thirties. These people often have full-time jobs, families, homes, and mortgages. A homecoming event simply cannot compete with these responsibilities.

Another reason, voiced by students, was insufficient advertising. Although Katia Sotolongo of the homecoming committee said postcards went to every student, many claim they never received them. They didn't even know homecoming had passed—"Homecoming? When?" Well-placed posters might have

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solved that problem, but a budget cut prevented their printing. The committee also had to cancel an order for a giant sign intended for the corner of Tamiami Trail and 107 Avenue because funds were too low. They did, however, place ads for two consecutive Sundays with the Miami Herald. The sign and newspaper ads were targeted to the general community as well as the students.

Despite how low attendance was in comparison to the total student body, homecoming was a success. Attendance did increase greatly from last year, and the committee made a few steps in reorganizing the event. The 1998 homecoming was spread out over a two-week period with a soccer game as the climax. This year, they highlighted the basketball team. The committee also condensed the homecoming into a one-week affair, and sought the involvement of other departments and the community. With the cooperation of Career Resources, the committee organized a networking lunch that attracted both current students and alumni. Working with the North Campus produced a lavish dance at Bay Vista that students from both campuses attended. A special dinner attracted several hundred people and media coverage. When Frank Layden appeared as guest speaker, Billy Cunningham and members of the Miami Heat also attended, along

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with County Manager Joaquin Arvizo, and City Manager Cesare Olivo. The homecoming basketball game drew almost 500 people, more than the game against Georgetown, and the bonfire attracted up to 600.

The only function not well attended was the medieval festival. Committee members had envisioned an event similar to Vizcaya’s Italian Renaissance Fair. They blame a marketing error for the failure, explaining that they should have concentrated on the staff and faculty, and surrounding community. This event could have attracted families if they had known about it.

The committee expects another large attendance increase next year because the composition of the student body is changing. The median age used to be 27. Now it is about 24. The number of incoming freshmen at ages 17 to 19 is increasing. These are the people most likely to attend campus life activities. They don’t have all the responsibilities and worries of their older counterparts, and thus have more time on their hands. The homecoming committee sees nothing but improvement for the future.

Concentration.
Preparing to add another two points to the score is Diego Garcia as he positions himself at the hoop. For the first time Homecoming was scheduled in the Spring and centered around the basketball team. The final score was 107-89 favoring FIU. Photo by George Alvarez.

Strong strategy.
Head coach Rich Walker discloses a new play against Northern Illinois during a break called by the Panthers. Photo by Julie O’Dell.

Let’s get fired up.
Dressed for the occasion is Kevin Songster as he chants to the crowd in the Sunblazer Arena for them to get “fired up.” Photo by Julie O’Dell.

Laser chaser.
Shown is a facsimile of a Golden Panther in laser light. Photo by George Alvarez.
Calling for relief. After hearing the news of the tragic beheading of her husband Queen of Camelot, Russ Copley, calls out for the enforcement of who else? Arnold Schwarzenegger. But alas, with such a busy Hollywood schedule the Queen settled with Hans and Franz. Photo by Julie O’Dell.

Go, go, go. Out in full support during the Homecoming basketball game are sisters of the Phi Mu sorority. The Phi Mu reeled off one point behind Sigma Phi Epsilon during the Homecoming Challenge competition and ranked fourth overall. Photo by George Alvarez.

Frankie goes to Miami. Constantly reminding the crowd to Relax by Frankie Goes to Hollywood is Tom Juke in behalf of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. This act proved to be the top rated in lip-synch. Photo by George Alvarez.

Second Place Winner is Phi Sigma Sigma... Hearts raced as the announcer prepared to read the winner of the Homecoming Challenge which pitted all Greeks against each other for the honor of winning the one and a half foot large trophy and a sum of money. As announcer Katia Sotolongo screamed out that Phi Sigma Sigma sorority won second place overall, the guys from Phi Delta Theta anxiously rushed the stage and captured the trophy. At this moment Phi Delta Theta rushed in a victorious glory that was well deserved. In a scenario full of chants and fraternity screaming, a party atmosphere was established only to be crushed the next day.

"I couldn’t believe that Homecoming Committee could do this to us,” squirmed Terrance Kriemend, a senior in Phi Delta Theta fraternity. The day after the award was handed to Phi Delta Theta, the Homecoming Committee made a change and awarded first place overall to Phi Sigma Sigma. “It’s like winning the Superbowl and taking it away.” Exclaimed sophomore James Maher, “The Homecoming Committee should look at this very seriously in the future.”

According to Stephanie Campbell, a member of the Homecoming Committee, a mistake was made while tallying and the Spirit competition was not counted for Phi Sigma Sigma. The Homecoming Committee extended their deepest apologies to all other organizations affected by the confusion.

The small error in tabulation was taken to stride by the members of Phi Delta Theta as they realized that accidents can happen. Mickey DiMaria puts it best by saying, “It was nice to be best Greek organization overall, but when learning about the mistake, it was like moving 10 steps forward and one step backward. We are still the number 1 fraternity.”

Ready for a reason. Showing the Sunblazer Areas a thing or two about spirit are members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity during the basketball game. Although they were loud, TKE did not place in the Spirit competition. In terms of the Challenge, fraternity was the strong point as they tied for first place. Photo by George Alvarez.

Saving the day. Assisting the Queen in the slot for Phi Delta Theta is Hor. Paul Emerite, as he and his partner in crime arrive pumped up to save Camelot. Photo by Julie O’Dell.

Purple encouragement. Members of Delta Phi Epsilon recently rally for the basketball team during the Homecoming game. Delta Phi Epsilon claimed third place in the spirit competition but this wasn’t quite enough for a place overall. Photo by Julie O’Dell.
Nuts and bolts.

Construction workers Franco Splitti and Cesar Ruiz are part of the crew working on the Physical Sciences building which employed at least 25 people from the community. This new building benefitted students as well as the community. Photo by Julie O'Dell.

Growing Pains

By Julie O'Dell

Buildzers, cranes and dust were new on the University Park Campus during the spring term when construction began for the Engineering and Physical Science buildings located between the OE building and Eighth Street. Spring semester led to many headaches as students were affected mostly due to the lack of parking space available. The access road between the dorms and the main campus was blocked off December 15, 1988 and was opened during the summer term which made travel between the dorms and the main campus a trek through a blizzard of dust and debris.

A new building was welcomed but the consequences of construction involving the loss of parking were not. Parking was an issue in which all students could relate to because above all else the students commuted and ample parking was essential. Along with the two buildings, a new parking lot was also in the works. The parking lot was planned for the space across from the Sunblazer Arena toward the area of the new Engineering Building.

According to Bob Griffith, a University Facilities Planner, the Engineering and Applied Science building was contracted to be completed on the first of December. The company however, forecasted to be completed early in the beginning of September.

“The sooner the construction is over the better!”, remarked Juan Lopez, junior, when questioned about the construction situation.

He continues, “My car has become so dusty that I have to wash it all the time.” Construction was certainly a part of the school experience all students could live without but with little patience, and a fair amount of car washing, all would pan out as two more buildings would be added to make the University more appropriate to students’ needs.

Facade forming.

Piece by piece the Engineering and Applied Science building is placed together to form a new place to house professors and students in that field. The projected date for completion is set for December 1989. Photo by Julie O'Dell.

Ticket monster.

Working for a living is what Reginald Davis does best as he administers tickets around the University Park Campus. Davis was hired by the Public Safety department as soon as construction started and parking problems began. The average number of tickets administered per day is 175. Photo by Julie O'Dell.

Heave-Ho.

Hovering high above campus is the crane of Glen Construction Company which became a permanent fixture for the spring term. The crane is used for assistance in erecting the Physical Sciences building which is expected to be completed in 1990. Photo by Julie O'Dell.
Is seduction the only way to bring students on campus after-hours?

By Barbara Valdes

Look out! There went his shirt! And his pants! An all-woman audience ripped a shell scream as a Wet-and-Wild model strutted across stage in nothing but skimpy bathing trunks. A dozen well-dressed ladies stormed the stage front for a chance to tuck a dollar bill into the hunk's waistband.

So went the Sigma Phi Epsilon's Wet-and-Wild, and the Phi Delta Theta's Chippendels performances. Referring to the dollar bill-tucking, Tom Jelke, Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, said, "That wasn't supposed to happen." Giving money to models on stage was not encouraged, but some of the ladies just couldn't help themselves. Although no one touched the Phi Mu's waistbands, similar enthusiasm boiled during their fashion show as the sisters danced and slinked in their favorite threads. Let's face it — sex sells!

How well does it sell? The Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers raised $1,000 during their fashion show and attracted about 200 people. The other sexy shows experienced equal success. According to Katia Sotolongo, Phi Sigma Sigma sister, performances as these and her sorority's panty auction are the fastest way to raise money for clubs. "They're also a lot of fun and pretty harmless," she said.

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and gear the brothers modeled. But the members had to plan, budget, perform, and run the entire event. They were responsible for every detail. At $1,000 a show, however, it sure beats bake sales.

Although university regulations forbid charging admission fees, the fraternities and sororities find these audiences quite willing to donate. Everyone drops his or her five dollar gift at the door. No one is forced, and everyone could refuse, but no one ever does, said Jelke. Then of course, there are always those individuals who can’t resist that waistband.

So what kind of people attend fund raisers they don’t have wanted to kill the Animal House image. “When you do that, you put your group’s integrity and honor at risk.” That’s something this crowd is not willing to do. This university’s sexy-shows are thus simply an occasion for toying, playfully showing off your endowments, and enjoying the sensuous without being wanton. As Eloy Fernandez put it, "Or those individuals who can’t resist that waistband."

They strive for a fun but fairly subdued atmosphere. Tucking dollar bills into someone’s shorts was as wild as it ever got this year — except for one girl who attacked her boyfriend on stage.

The shows themselves were not pornographic. They were designed for flirtatious entertainment. “The intent was not to strip but to promote an item,” said Jelke, referring to the sportswear Upwind Surfing provided for the show. “The dancing was more showcase than anything.” The fraternities and sororities operated out of nudity in all acts. Jelke said they wanted to kill the Animal House image. “When you do something like that, you put your group’s integrity and honor in jeopardy.” That’s something this crowd is not willing to do.

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Mouth to mouth donations?

A crazed fan gives a little help to her friend Tom Jelke of Sigma Phi Epsilon, during the Wet-N-Wild performance during the spring term. Photo by Dor- 

mo Redondo.

Dance, dance, dance.

Shakin’ across the stage is Jennifer Johnson as she helps to benefit the Phi Mu sorority at the Phi Mu Illustrated performance. Photo by Joe Alonso.
Keeping in step with tradition.

Members of the Delta African Dance Ensemble keep to the beat of the traditional music. Here a dancer makes it appear so easy. Photo by Julie O’Dell.

Charting a Rich and Diverse Heritage

By Barbara Valdes

Black history should be celebrated twelve months a year,” said Paul Knight of FIU's Minority Programs. “His tone was matter-of-fact. There was no hint of militancy, but a sincerity so deep, his eyes shined with it.

Why celebrate black history all year? Because, according to Knight, one week is not enough time to showcase all of the black heritage. What is this heritage? This year’s celebrations focused on exactly that — the Triple Heritage: Mother Africa, the Americas, and the West Indies. Each of these heritages is a stew of cultures, possessing their own flavors and nuances. These variations go back to Mother Africa, the root of the black heritage.

Knight explains that Africans were never all alike. Western Africans differed from Northern, Central, and Southern Africans in religious beliefs, dress, traditions, and even food. They possessed separate cultures, considering themselves separate people. When transplanted to the Caribbean and the Americas, they mixed their African traditions with the new cultures they found. Thus, the slaves taken to Haiti combined their religion with the Catholicism thrust upon them, creating Haitian voodoo.

To add to an already aromatic stew, each island, or state possessed its own indigenous flavors varying from the plants and leaves to the weather, land, and history. All this caused the development of different foods, attitudes, and beliefs. Other ethnic groups, such as the Indian, Chinese, British, Spanish, and French, also mixed in, further spicing the stew.

The black heritage, therefore, is about as diverse as the Hispanic heritage. Trying to cover it all in one week is a task comparable to covering all the traditions, and cultures that comprise the American heritage. But the American melting pot is well recognized. Everyone knows about the colonization, Westward expansion, and immigration that the North American continent has seen. Paul Knight says Americans aren’t aware of just how rich and diverse the black heritage is as well. By celebrating black history, he and other black students hope people will learn to appreciate the black experience, once they see just how interesting and flavorful the black heritage is.

To accomplish this, the black history celebrations included events showcasing aspects of various black cultures. University Park’s library displayed a collection of art from the Gallery Antigua which illustrated the Triple Heritage. A cultural bazaar displayed African foods, and artifacts, and held a rum tasting contest. Fashion shows featured models in designs from the Caribbean and West Indies. Each of these heritages is a stew of cultures, black heritage is.

This is where it’s at.

For Alan Hill an entertaining evening watching the Performing Arts Showcase is a great way to spend a week night. Attendance for the festival peaked this year with an estimated 20 per cent increase over last year. Photo by Julie O’Dell

Hey Mon...

Screaming were 200 students and listeners to the lead singer of the Regga band Copacetic during the International Festival. Photo by Media Services

Hard work pays off

After receiving the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Award, Associate Director of Admissions John Warford proudly stands with Mary Hudson, Marilyn Beecher, Ozzie Ritchie and Paul Knight. Photo by Media Services

Word up...

Tap dancing through the Performing Arts Showcase are brothers of the Alpha Beta Sigma fraternity. The tap dance number was stunning as the brothers tapped and marched to swing in the UH Pit. Photo by Julie O’Dell.
Small world after all. Dressed up in the native clothing of different countries are children participating in the International Festival 1988. Photo by Darma Redondo.

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Small world after all.
Dressed up in the

By Barbara Valdes

The three peered over the counter. They pointed at different foods and threw a few quick words to each other. It seemed gibberish to the cafeteria attendant waiting to serve them. One of the girls, a bronzed beauty, pointed through the glass and asked in an English draped in slavic overtones, "What is that?"

The attendant's blank expression. "Why, meatloaf honey." The schoolgirl wrinkled her nose, "Is it good?"

Between classes, if you walk through the pit at University Park, the roar of 100 people talking at once prevents your making out the words of a conversation. But you know the couple you just passed is not speaking English because you don't recognize the rhythm of the words. By the pool at Bay Vista, you can catch a tan while your mind reeled from listening to an entire conversation in Portuguese. You can do this because 1,200 international students attend this university. They come from every continent, bringing different world views, philosophies, religions, languages, and food preferences. We encounter these people every day, but do we understand them?

Class discussions occasionally yield a foreign student's illustration of business practices, political views, or economic conditions in his country. Most of us nod. "Well, isn't that interesting." But as university students we're supposed to learn about other points of view, other methods, and their effects. We're supposed to learn this because part of an education is understanding why the world is in its present condition. With this purpose in mind, SGA and the International Students' Club sponsored "International Festival '89, for Global Understanding."

Purple and lime-green posters announced a host of events introducing students to different cultures and the delicacies of international relations. Professor and Florida State Senator Jack Gordon opened the sessions of a model United Nations conference. Nicolas Destoff, the reporter accused by the KGB of espionage, also appeared to speak on life inside the Soviet Union and the effects of glasnost on US/Soviet relations. Looking at world affairs from another angle, Tom Wolfe, "the father of new journalism" and author of the Right Stuff, lectured on pop culture and its effects on the modern world.

The International Students' Club directly participated in the Parade of Nations. Bearing the flags of various countries, these students assembled themselves around the pit in the UH building just before lighting candles in support of global understanding. The group also hosted several international coffee breaks serving coffee or tea as prepared in India, South America, Jamaica, and the Middle East. Club members dressed in their nation's traditional costumes to serve homemade specialties at the international dinner. The nine-day festival also entertained with music, dancing, and food during a Caribbean fiesta, an International bazaar, a Polynesian luau, an Arabian festival, a Latin fiesta, and an Asian celebration.

Exchanging Cultures

One false move.
Showing what they are made of are the Golden Dragon Acrobats in this game of tug-of-war during the International Festival celebration. Photo by Darma Redondo.

No question too big.
Metaphors, analogies and metaphorical questions for Christine Studwyck, Julia Barryman, "Mr. Lovejoy" and Denise Hinds. These folks spent a few hours posing for answers and pictures during the International Festival. Photo by Media Services.

Finishing touches.
Struggling with a roll of colored crepe paper is Heather Gordon as she decorates the Jamaican food booth during the festival during the Caribbean day of International Festival. Photo by Julie O'Dell.

Piggybackin'.
In the midst of Carifiesta, Olabisi Komlafe carries her slumbering grandchild in a homemade backpack. Photo by Julie O'Dell.

Flying high!
Concentration, balance and coordination are key to the Chinese Acrobats. Here a dancer performs with a six-foot streamer during International Festival. Photo by Darma Redondo.
Run Away for the Day

By Barbara Valdes

Sea Escape. The name implies you’re running away from something. Why to the ocean? Perhaps because escaping to the open sea always carries such romantic images. The sea connotes freedom, liberty, the shaking off of shackles. So what do seniors need to get away from? Why do they need a Sea Escape?

Two categories of people attend these senior cruises, the ultra-party animals, and the reflectionists. We all fall into one of these groups, but in the end perhaps our reasons for doing what we do are the same. Some of us board ship chanting the motto “FUN at all costs!” We race around the ship playing every game there is. The scavenger hunt is a chance to run and laugh as we turn the ship upside down searching for knick knacks we pass by “This is my last semester. This is my last year.” We get so smashed, they miss all the activities the ship provides. By the time the evening arrives and the club scene begins, the drinkers are out, their heads throbbing and their stomachs ready to wretch. For those of us still sober, fatigue begins to set in, and muscles we’d forgotten we had ache and complain. Why do we do this?

The second group has fun too, but they are more sober in temperament as well as in their drinking habits. These people go to relax, to get away and think about what they’re going to do now that they’ve graduated. “The burdens of school and graduation are off their shoulders, and they need some time to reflect upon what’s next,” says Acosta. Games, dancing, and general entertainment are fine, but they also take time to just sit and look out over the ocean.

Perhaps we all have the same motives. The last semester of school seems like forever. Books, homework, and exams appear more difficult. Yet we pull ourselves through with the mantra, “This is my last semester. This is my last year.” When it’s finally over we scream and shout with joy and ecstasy. We throw our notes up in the air like confetti. Music, we dance.

Santiago Acosta, who’s gone on two Sea Escapes, says “Some people go with the idea that they’re going to have FUN the whole cruise even if it kills them.” One of the requirements of fun for some of us seems to be intoxication. People start drinking early that morning in their cabins only to get so smashed, they miss all the activities the ship provides. By the time the evening arrives and the club scene begins, the drinkers are out, their heads throbbing and...
Closing the Chapter

By Barbara Valdes

For whom is graduation day? We don our finest attire — linen skirt, woolen trousers, and silk shirt accompanied by ties that clutched at our throats. Then we hide all this under flowing gowns that hang to half-call. Our leather shoes emote and wink with the reflection of past cuffs and dress slips. Completing the costume, we rent a square upon our heads and spend the day blushing at the tessew which swats at our eyes. And for whom? For what?

We arrive two hours early, are processed, corralled, then herded like sheep through the corridors. As a cowboy cuts cattle into groups, they cut down our university's? What part of graduation is the graduate's alone?

Our parents shift in their seats and crane their necks to catch a peak at diplomas clutched in hand, Lissette Perez stops to gain composure in the search for her family. Photo by Darma Redondo.

Happy as a clam is Jorge Pena and friend at the prospect of receiving two blinding flashes on stage while accepting our ceremonial degrees — black pieces of paper. Yet we try to make the ceremonies our own. We rain confetti upon our heads. We cheer when their names are called. We adorn our mortar boards with fraternity or sorority letters, with fanciful messages (“Let's do the wild thing”), and with top figures that represent majors (oranges, bridges, electrical boards). The bold come in high-top sneakers, Laurel and Hardy bowl hats, or Spudz McKenzie costumes.

The bold bomb the stage with rolls of toilet paper.

But among all this, what is really ours? Not our parents', not our deans', not our university? What part of graduation is the graduate's alone? Anxiety, uncertainty, challenge, eagerness and full-fledged failure become a possibility. We shun it, yet we shudder at the thought. Yes, these things are ours.

Scattering spectators.
The moments immediately following graduation are always fun while parents attempt to locate children and vice-versa. Photo by Darma Redondo.

Can you believe it?
Happy as a clam is Jorge Pena and friend at the prospect of graduation. Photo by Darma Redondo.

Picture perfect.
Diploma clutched in hand, Lissette Perez stops to gain composure in the search for her family. Photo by Darma Redondo.

No sweat.
During the 1988 graduation these SGA members didn’t mind sitting out in the sun in order to obtain their diplomas. Photo by Darma Redondo.

Good to go.
While preparations are under way for the 1988 graduation ceremony these two take a few minutes to pose for the photographer. Photo by Darma Redondo.

Crowded yet comely.
Lining up for the march these graduates don’t mind so much the limited space for they will soon have a diploma. Photo by Darma Redondo.

Ain’t no stoppin’ us now.
With the world in their hands all they need is that small piece of paper worth four years’ work to verify that Laura Redondo and friend certainly graduated. Photo by Darma Redondo.

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New Ideas, Goals, Attitudes in SGA

By Barbara Valdes

Student Government Association

Established 19?

SGA elections in Spring of '89 put this student organization through some growing pains, when vice presidential candidate Joel Beck accused outgoing president Tim Benjamin of tampering with ballots. The Elections Commission pronounced Benjamin guilty. The evidence used against him was a voting signature book which allegedly showed his signature twice, meaning, he voted more than once. Benjamin appealed to the Supreme Court which, according to Justice Michael Hamersley, decided the evidence had been in so many hands that its authenticity could not be proven and thus declared Benjamin innocent.

Hamersley says the real question at issue became whether elections are valid until proven invalid or vice versa. Some people wanted the results to all the offices declared void when the Elections Commission gave its verdict. However, the Supreme Court said there was not sufficient evidence to do this. Elections stood and were considered valid.

After the Supreme Court's decision, Beck and Steve Resnick appealed to President Madique on behalf of Beck and comptroller candidate Tammy Cercone. The administration decided to hold elections for vice-president and comptroller in September, chambers received a new SGA Senate Seal displayed so everyone could prove beneficial to the future of SGA. It tested procedures and security, and showed where possible weaknesses may exist. A strong leadership can now take steps to ensure nothing like this occurs again, thus strengthening SGA's integrity, the confidence of student voters, and helping to establish a traditional student support for SGA.

Manny Lamazares, the new SGA President, says this university lacks the tradition other schools have in backing their student government. "We have a strong SGA, we're just not very visible."

This year, SGA, in league with the Florida Students' Association (FSA), lobbied against the Board of Regents in the Florida state legislature over a proposed 15% raise in tuition fees. Thanks to their influence, fees will not go up at all this year. They also received $9 million in extra funding for financial aid, another $2.03 million for library resources, and a combined $5.10 million for student support, undergraduate aid, and financial aid support. SGA also created the student grievance policy, and fought to keep the engineering labs open when the administration wanted to close them and distribute the equipment throughout the engineering departments.

Lamazares thinks students need lots of visual reinforcement to help get an SGA tradition on its way. With this in mind, SGA's offices received a new 3' X 5' sign in modern lettering. The Senate chambers received an SGA Senate Seal displayed so everyone would make students not only aware but interested in knowing what SGA is all about. Lamazares says visual items as these and an SGA "presidents' hall of fame," displaying photographs of past SGA presidents, would make students not only aware but interested in knowing what SGA is all about.

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Welcome to Hell. You descend into a dim cavern swathed in ted-tinged light. While peering at your feet so quickly skipping down the steps into the pit, you suddenly recoil from the handrails as your fingers encounter a cobweb. Wild music and laughter envelope you as you raise your eyes to gaze upon the devils awaiting. They smile. "Hi," one of them chirps, "Michelobe is the special tonight. What'll you have?"

Halloween at the Rathskellar was always interesting when Gabe Forment was manager. But then every holiday meant a change in decor, and Thursdays were for parties, beer specials, two-for-ones, and happy-hours. When Forment left, Nita Burnier continued the promotions and specials until the federal agents appeared. Having received complaints that the Rat was serving alcohol to students under 21, they checked it out. Although the management had not knowingly broken the law, there were several arrests.

The next day, fearful of further trouble, management tried to segregate Rat customers: 21 year olds through the front door, 18 to 20 year olds through the back. It didn’t work well, and they went back to normal operations the next day. However, SGA members complained about the segregation. Associate Director of Dining Services and Manager of the Rat, Paul Enfield said, "Of course they complained. They represent the students. I would have been angry too. But what they don’t understand is that federal authorities have to be appeased first. We could open up at 10:00 and at 10:01 they could come rip up our liquor license."

Shortly after the trouble, Nita Burnier accepted an offer with the Diplomat Hotel and left the Rathskellar. Today, there are no beer specials, no themes, no parties, no crowds, and no federal agents. Some students say the Rat is no longer a student oriented bar. But Enfield explains that he and his staff are merely regrouping before UH renovations begin the construction of a new pub. The associate director plans a complete makeover including services and atmosphere.

Management is working with Bacchus to promote responsible drinking among Rat customers.

"Rathskellar" may denote a dungeon, but these two find the place comfortable enough to chat over class notes.

These students found a quiet booth to enjoy a beer and a cigarette after lunch.

Bartenders will be serving a lot more food specials and less dollar-beers once reconstruction is finished.

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The student population numbers about 17,000 but only 2,000 come to homecoming, 1,000 vote in SGA elections, only a few dozen attend baseball games, and not even a hundred attend basketball games. Black History, and the international festival attract only a few hundred. No one cares. No one has time. Why?

Several factors intertwine to cause this apathy among students. The composition of the student body is the main reason. The other is the very nature of the school. This was once only an upper division university, and strictly a commuter school. Today, graduates from junior colleges still make a great percentage of the new students we receive every year. Combine this group with the amount of people that return to school after Vista Campus. If you think I'm driving an extra 30 miles to attend a basketball game or a political meeting, you're crazy.

Several years of work, marriage, or having children, and you create a homecoming at University Park, you're crazy. You often have full-time jobs, or families, homes, mortgages, or any combination of these. School events simply cannot compete with these responsibilities.

But younger students seem to have similar problems. Many people come to this university because they don't have the money to go to the University of Miami, and they can't or don't want to go to a school in northern Florida. This usually means they have to work, and put themselves through school.

Connie Lugo, a student in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, explains that she must work full-time in order to pay for classes and books. Then she must spend the rest of her time studying to make good grades. After working and studying all day, the last thing she wants to do is return to school. "My time doesn't allow for social events at school. They're just not inviting enough, or important enough to compete with my other responsibilities," she says.

Another student echoes her when he explained that time for school events became non-existent after he took a job. He used to attend all events in high school. He found that "FIU is not a youth-oriented school. It's more for older people that are simply seeking a degree."

Other students say that they cannot raise attendance at events because we are still a commuter school. Despite the addition of dormitories, the majority of students still drive a fair distance to attend classes. Some travel up to fifty miles. Lorre Martinez explained that she lives in northern Broward county, "It's a far enough drive to the Bay Vista Campus. If you think I'm driving an extra 30 miles to attend a homecoming at University Park, you're crazy."

Universities like U of M, Florida State, and University of Florida have fraternity and sorority houses, large dormitories, or university-oriented towns surrounding them. These schools permeate their students' lives. Like most commuter schools, it's more for older people that are simply seeking a degree.

Although the student composition is slowly changing because the number of incoming freshmen at ages 17 to 19 is increasing, the question remains whether these future students will come to our school because they can get the "full" college experience, or because it's cheaper to come here, and it's easier to find a job in Miami than it is in Gainesville, or Tallahassee.

In a word.
Etched in colored sand the word "Apathy" is as clear as day: FASA students started their campaign after holding a meeting and with poor attendance, realized the problem. Photo by Julie O'Dell.

An overview.
Adding the finishing touches of grapes which symbolize opportunity which students just don't grab is Teresa, FASA coordinator in the UH Pit. Photo by Julie O'Dell.
Strike a deal.

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Mikhail Gorbachev ushered in a policy of openness, Glasnost. Linked to the new detente are negotiations for a medium-range missile pact. The INF Treaty scraps all intermediate-range missiles in both western and eastern Europe. Although the pact affects only 5% of all nuclear warheads, INF is probably the most significant agreement to reduce tensions and help cut defense costs since the Nixon-Brezhnev agreements in the early 1970's.

The goodwill extended to non-political situations as well. Both Russians and Americans rushed to free two California gray whales from the ice in Alaska. The United States hurried to Armenia after a devastating earthquake buried hundreds of people alive, and left thousands more destitute. A special rescue team from Dade County went to help find and save survivors. In September '88, all the Americas banded together to help the victims of Hurricane Gilbert, which swept through the Caribbean, Central America, Mexico, and part of the United States. More than 300 people died, hundreds of thousands went homeless, and damages went into the billions of dollars.

Russia's "Vietnam" also ended in 1988. Accords signed by the Soviet Union, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the US provided that all 115,000 Soviet troops leave the Muslim nation by early 1989. Although one million Afghans were killed, the Soviets were unable to force the Islamic rebels from their strongholds in the mountains. The Russians themselves suffered 30,000 dead and wounded, and much tension back home, while five million Afghans fled to Pakistan and Iran.

Understanding and cooperation did not extend to US relations with Panama and General Manuel Antonio Noriega. In February of '88, the US indicted him of drug trafficking. Relations with Panama for the next eighteen months became one long campaign to oust Noriega. He withheld the attempts and used the common anti-American sentiment to rally the Panamanians behind him.

In early 1989 Panama finally held elections. Despite the ballot irregularities witnessed by teams of international poll watchers, and despite Noriega's outright theft and forgeries of tabulation sheets showing vote totals, opposition leader Guillermo Endara won by two to one against Noriega's hand-picked Carlos Dooce. The authorities responded by declaring the election null and void. Several days later, Panamanians marched in protest. Noriega's paramilitary group, the Dignity Battalion, appeared wielding clubs and pipes and attempted to beat Endara and his two running mates to death.

Activities in the Persian Gulf more than strained goodwill. In May of '87 an Iraqi fighter pilot accidentally fired upon the American frigate Stark, severely damaging the ship, and killing 37 crewmen. About a year later, the USS Sines was fired upon an Iranian F-14 Tomcat that was actually an Iranian Air Airbus carrying 290 civilians. Sweating vengeance, Iranian officials accused the United States of terrorism.

Salman Rushdie also became the target of Iranian hitmen when he published Satanic Verses, satirizing Islam. The Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, offered $1 million to anyone who would kill Rushdie: in mid-1989, the world sighed when the Ayatollah himself expired. The Shi'ite leader's death, however, does not necessarily mean Iranian terrorist activities will stop. While the winds of detente blow over most of the world, some areas may continue to boil with unrest and hatred.

International Current Events
The world's attention was drawn to student protests in China where 300,000 people gathered on Tianamen Square demanding democracy. The government declared the end of a movement that had lasted for five days. The troops were so moved, some turned back the way they had come. By Barbara Valdes

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Thirty-three years ago, the world watched in horror as Chinese troops opened fire on student and resident protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) fired into a crowd of unarmed civilians, killing hundreds and wounding thousands. The incident, known as the Tiananmen Massacre, is one of the most significant events in modern Chinese history.

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The 1988 election was a parade of mudslingings, moral scandals, and issue dodgings. First, Gary Hart's affair raised the question of whether sexual morality or spousal fidelity really mean anything when considering a candidate's capacity to fill an office. Soon after, John Sasso, then Michael Dukakis's campaign manager, sent videos to the New York Times which showed how Joseph Biden, a presidential hopeful, plagiarized quotes from the writings of Robert Kennedy, and Neil Kinnock, British Labour Party leader. Dukakis immediately fired Sasso, vigorously denying that his campaign was guilty of any "negative campaigning." The media later discovered how Biden publicly lied about his academic background.

No real surprises came from the Democratic and Republican conventions. It was the choices for running mates that made Americans scratch their heads. Dukakis selected Lloyd Bentson, who was basically his opposite on every issue. In doing so, the "Duke" snubbed Jesse Jackson and ran the risk of alienating Jackson's large following.

Bush dumbfounded the world with the choice of Dan Quayle, a young senator from Indiana with relatively little experience. Since named Bush's running mate, Quayle has been the butt of every comedian's joke, and the subject for every cartoonist's comic strip.

The mudslinging continued throughout the campaign with television advertisements showing "what Dukakis did for Boston Harbor and promises to do for the rest of America." The debates put the mudslinging on prime-time television. Before millions, the two candidates exchanged insults like two school boys taunting each other into an after-school fight. Bush, when questioned on his comments about Dukakis's stand on the pledge of allegiance, denied that he ever called his opponent unpatriotic, but stated that he questioned the governor's judgement. Dukakis, instead of defending his position, rebutted with a stern face and, "He did call me unpatriotic, and I resent it." Another time Bush followed Dukakis's comments with, "That answer was as clear as Boston Harbor." But Bush's "thousand points of light" didn't clarify matters any better.

Neither candidate seemed to focus on the issues, but rallied behind "experience," whether in foreign relations, or economics and "tradition," whether conservative or liberal, the dreaded "L-word." No candidate took any strong or visible positions on issues like abortion, gay rights, or school prayer. Their stands on these were fairly known, but they did not bring any of them to the forefront of the campaign. Both candidates were vague on questions regarding the budget, the homeless, and drugs. Dukakis rambled about a runaway girl that came to the governor's mansion in tears, and Bush hung on to his thousand points of lights, but neither gave clear plans of action, and both skated around the issues.

In the end, Bush carried forty-nine states, including Massachusetts, Dukakis's home state.

By Barbara Valdés
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"Please report to the Atheneum. I have cleared your social security numbers with the secret service," read Professor Gamara's message on the blackboard. Bewildered, his Political Violence and Revolution students made their way downstairs and tried to walk to the Atheneum by cutting around DM. They met police and yellow police tape. The whole fountain area and north side of DM was roped off. Security and police were everywhere. On the northwest side of PC, a group of people stood about wielding bright signs in red, white, and blue. "George Bush for President."

The students made their way around the yellow tape and to the front doors of the Atheneum. The place echoed with the chatter of several hundred people. They clustered around the entrance, waiting for security to check their social security numbers off one of the lists. Professor Gamara was there pointing out his students and getting them in fast for better seats.

Inside the theater, the noise was magnified several times over. Everyone seemed to be asking everyone else what they thought about the candidate. The responses ranged from sneers to eager nods, but what everyone did agree upon was that anything was better than sitting in class.

Before the stage stood a line of security guards, all in suits and ties. They watched the crowd with thousand mile stares. But occasionally one would lean over to speak to another with a smirk. Their eyes rested upon someone in the audience who finally amused them. When the men with the earpieces stepped out from backstage, the chatter dropped some. Eyes searched the folds of their suits for the bump that would be an automatic weapon.

So many of us were so caught up in the hoopla of seeing a political celebrity. When George Bush finally stepped out, the applause ranged from a polite pat of the hands to an enthusiastic clapping. After all, here stood the Vice-president of the United States, and, at that time, possibly the next president. He was here at our school, not at UM, or UF. But as we sat there and listened to his politician's speech, some of us sneering, nodding, or scratching our heads, what did we think of?

Bush's coming to our school was not just an occasion to miss class, or to see a political celebrity. It was a chance to participate in a process students around the world would give their lives for. How many of us cared? How many of us asked pertinent, insightful questions? How many of us listened to the answers? How many of us voted?
High above all else. The gleaming cross was visible from as far away as Bird Road to the south during the Papal visit. The stage area of the visit took months of preparation especially for the Pope's visit. Safely tucked away for travel through admiring crowds of people is Pope John Paul II in his popemobile. The all-safe vehicle was used during the Papal sermon what else could you expect in South Florida? You guessed it, rain! Drats. No doubt this couldn't stop Pope John Paul II as he is assisted by an umbrella. During the sermon the audience was forced to improvise in order to keep dry by use of tarp, umbrellas and the like.

By Barbara Valdes

"Y ou won't catch me in that mess for the world," said Mercy Jilani upon hearing Pope John Paul II was coming to Miami. The idea of being in the hot sun all day amidst a crowd of one million simply did not thrill her. But when her church asked her to be part of the welcoming party and to be a steward at the mass, Jilani jumped. "I realized it was the chance of a lifetime. I would never again have the opportunity to see the Vicar of Christ. And I was honored my church had asked me to be part of their group."

Mercy Jilani worships with the Good Shepherd Catholic Church. When each parish in South Florida was asked for volunteers to work as hosts at the mass, Jilani's name came up because of her involvement in her church. Being a steward was desirable because they got reserved places, and passes for the welcoming party at the airport. For Jilani, however, it meant being part of the mass. She was participating in a very special way.

But being a steward also meant taking various responsibilities, and putting up with a few hassles, like being checked out and searched by the secret service, or arriving at the park in the early morning hours. "I don't think 2:00 A.M. was that early," says Jilani. She left her house about 1:00 A.M. to catch the bus designated for transporting the stewards, and when she arrived at the site, she found thousands of people were already there.

"It was really impressive to see everyone camped out doing their own thing," she says. Out of the darkness she could hear the shuffle of dominoes, the rhythm of music, the chatter of a late radio talk show, or the hushed tones of someone praying the rosary. Jilani carefully made her way through the darkness. Bundles of people lying on blankets in the grass loomed up as she almost stepped upon them. Later in the day, the heat and the bugs took their toll. Dozens of people went to the first aid tent with heatstroke. The grounds were also a fire-ant haven. "Thank goodness we were in the back by the park bathrooms and didn't have to use the portable ones. We were also close to water."

Jilani explains that the stewards were there to keep an eye out for people who needed help. They had all received training prior to the mass so they could direct people to particular areas, and know who to call in an emergency. As it was, less people showed up than expected, and Jilani's area was relatively empty. She had feared that she would not be able to see anything, but says, "As far back as we were, we had a wonderful view."

Even the rain was a hassle everyone happily contested. People brought ponchos, and jackets, and shared garbage bags and tarpaulins. But the lightning finally ended the event. Disappointment crowded the massing of people. "We felt like little kids whose mother had called them inside from playing in the rain." But none of the discomforts diminished the fulfillment of participating in the ceremony or in sharing the moment with many brothers and sisters of the faith. As thousands trekked down Coral Way, Jilani imagined she looked upon the Exodus. "Watching so many people put up with so many discomforts to celebrate their faith was really heartening."

Hello, South Florida!

Making the rounds. Safely tucked away for travel through admiring crowds of people is Pope John Paul II in his popemobile. The all-safe vehicle was prepared especially for the Pope's visit. Photo by South Florida Historical Museum.

Local Current Events

Rain or shine. During the Papal sermon, what else could you expect in South Florida? You guessed it, rain! Drats. No doubt this couldn't stop Pope John Paul II as he is assisted by an umbrella. Photo by South Florida Historical Museum.

Satirated supporters. A little rain never hurt any one. During the sermon the audience was forced to improvise in order to keep dry by use of tarp, umbrellas and the like. Photo by South Florida Historical Museum.

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Increasing Support

After a long practice season of exhausting workouts in the hot South Florida sun, racing against the clock for better times and sudden outbreaks of athlete's foot, the players were ready. They were prepared for the pressure of competition.

But were the spectators? You bet they were. Students were able to go up against the wall to juggle parts of daily life to fit in cheering during a basketball or baseball game. Attendance at the sporting events increased substantially over previous years. Could it be that the Golden Panthers finally had an identity? You betcha! With the addition of a new mascot during the homecoming game, there was no doubt, students caught hold of that Panther Pride.

2 points
Scoring a basket for the home team in Wendy Oaster, 15, during a game against Yale University in the Sunblazer Arena. Photo by Sports Information.

Direct hit.
Practice makes perfect and is proven by Nelson Caraballo during a practice game at the baseball field. Photo by George Alvarez.
By Alice Bae

Under Coach Mike Becker's guidance the cross country team gave a great performance. Becker's positive influence on the individual runners was reflected by the performance of each during the season.

On the men's team, the leader of the pack was Eric Alvarez followed closely by Jorge Blanco. Alvarez won the 29th FIU Invitational, and placed fourth in the Jacksonville Invitational.

Enduring passion. Calculated moves are essential for teammates Robin Jagessar and Charles DeLay as they come closer to the homestretch during the track meet at Greentree Invitational. Photo by Sports Information.

No sweat. No doubt endurance plays a great part of any runner's agenda especially for Heidi Church as she attempts to beat her best time. Photo by Sports Information.

Likewise Blanco improved his five mile run and established a time under 27 minutes during the Florida State Invitational.

Both runners participated in the Regional Championships.

The women of the team can't be forgotten as their times are also impressive. One freshman who showed promise, Carla Nunziato, led the women through several of the meets. She and Kristin Elliott competed in the Regional Championship.

The team as a whole has great capabilities and promises to show many more successes in the next season.
Difficult Digs

By Alice Bae

Clinching matches was one of the biggest problems for the women's volleyball team, and unfortunately the season ended with a losing record. The inexperience and youth of the team proved to be an obstacle which will be overcome in the seasons to come. The competitions gave the ladies a feel for what to expect in the upcoming years and the youth will ensure that this knowledge will be used to the team's advantage.

Despite the inability to pull a winning record, the Golden Panthers still sport a winning team. In the New South Women's Athletic Conference Tournament, the team placed fourth. Also, several members were named All Conference performers. Vanessa Martinez, freshman, was named to the second team All Conference. She led the team with 192 kills. Honorable Mentions were given to Kathy Vaulk, senior, and Brenda Austin, freshman. Great improvements are in store for the future of this young team.

A set-up.
A good spike takes a little setting up as shown by Tara Green as she waits for Kathy Vaulk's spectacular set. Photo by Sports Information.

Getting psyched.
It's all a matter of getting it all together as shown by Kathy Garhan, Denise Clark, Vanessa Martinez, Kathy Vaulk, and Kathy Garhan as they rally each other for the next point. Photo by Sports Information.

Women's Volleyball

Tracey Riley, Charlotte Durden, Lisa Gonzales, Debbie Friedman, Tara Green, Brenda Austin, Kathy Robinson, Denise Clark, Kathy Vaulk, Vanessa Martinez, Kathy Garhan. Photo by Sports Information.

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Dig it!
Low hits challenge even the best players like Brenda Austin as she digs up a low hit to eventually make it over the net. Photo by Sports Information.

Umph.
Bumping the ball in return is Kathy Robinson as she sets up the ball which has been spiked at her. Photo by Sports Information.
The Golden Panthers soccer team has been an example of excellence, and the fresh players are able to continue the excellence established. Coach Karl Kremser has a long term program to maintain a winning group of young men. "The idea is to bring new players who are going to improve the program. If the returning players are not pushed, they will not improve, and then our team will not improve." Buba Janneh and Tom Van Schaik were freshmen who helped to continue improving the program. The returning players have consistently shown their individual expertise and have upheld a great standard of two NCAA titles and four National Championship appearances.

One player who has received national recognition for his abilities is Robin Fraser. The first Division I male All-American named to the second-team, as an incredible defender, helps to create a good foundation. A combination of experienced returning players and potential new players ensures a strong team. Because of the strength in the program, the men's team is able to host the Southern Bell Classic. Consecutively, for the third year, this tournament has brought quality teams to Miami. Some of the teams include South Florida, Rutgers, and Bowling Green. The constant improvement and long term programs of Coach Kremser will keep the team "a step ahead of the rest."
Rise to the occasion.
Goalkeeping seems natural and graceful as Julie Orlowski makes one of her 115 incredible career saves this season. Photo by Sports Information.

By Alice M. Bae

In the four years of existence, the women's soccer team has certainly made great strides and will continue to do so. The first and only head coach of this program Everton Edwards is also a product of FIU's successful programs. Not only has he graduated in Criminal Justice Administration and Computer Science, but had also led a great career as a goalkeeper for 2 years in the men's soccer program, and was the graduate assistant coach for the men's team for 2 years.

With his experience and familiarity with FIU's athletic and academic programs, Edwards makes for a good coach.

The team itself has also developed a winning tradition. Julie Orlowski has been with the team from the start and has contributed greatly for 4 years as a goalie.

She has given the Lady Panthers a good defense and the strength of the team lies there. The offensive scoring team has evolved with the skills of Christine Liller, a junior forward/midfielder, and Julie Del Russo, a freshman forward. Both these ladies were leading scorers on the team.

Coach Edwards has a wonderful group of hard-working ladies to develop into a strong team. On the coming season Edwards states that "We have a tradition of starting slow and developing into a strong team. We'll try to start stronger. You have to do the best you can. With 10 new players and 9 returning players, it's a new team. We expect 6 or 7 new players to start." Our team has been most competitive in NCAA Division I and the tough southern region. Hopefully the Golden Panthers are the team of the future despite its youth.

Using your head.
Christine Liller, a forward/midfielder, shows us how to use your head. As one of the top scorers she owns everything she's got. Photo by Sports Information.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Wins 9 Losses 7 Ties 2
Barry 1 2
Boca Raton 3 1
Central Florida 0 1
Boca Raton 5 2
Sonoma State University 0 1
Univ. CA at Berkeley 0 5
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Southern Methodist 2 1
Rutgers 3 3
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Gustavus Adolphus 5 0
Texas A & M 2 3
Florida State 4 1
Florida 6 0

Women's Soccer 55
The approach.
After pitching the ball, Melinda Hamlyn watches her shot to see if she put it in. How did it go Melinda? Photo by Sports Information.

Steady.
Keepin' his stance and posture Bill Kennedy watches his long putt fall into the cup. Now that's a par for his hole. Photo by Sports Information.

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It's a winner.
Marcos Perez serves a tricky overhead. This deadly stroke is one of many in his arsenal. Photo by Sports Information.

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By Alice M. Bae

Both the men and women tennis teams enjoyed an ace of a season. They have always played a high caliber game and brought home many victories. Under the coaching expertise of Peter Lehman and Kathy O'Neal these men and women have established themselves as a leading contender in the college circuit.

The members of the men's team have put much effort into winning. Marcos Perez and Troy Porco have kept up good winning records which aided the team to many victories. Their 12-11 record showed what great competitors we have in such a competitive sport. The record at home is encouraging and displays potential for spectacular scores in the future.

Last year the ladies became champions of the New South Women's Athletic Conference and Henrietta Harris claimed the number one singles title in the same conference. This year the champion Panthers ended the season 8-5 and 7-1 in the NSWAC. The three top players, Henrietta Harris, Natalia Liss, and Vidya Damodharan, have contributed with healthy winning records. Looks like the ball is in our court with the Golden Panther's tennis teams.

**MEN'S TENNIS:** Peter Lehman (head coach), Troy Porco, Marcos Perez, David Berry, Eduardo Scherer, Alex Herrera, Ernesto Portillo, Mike Marrou. Photo by Sports Information.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS:** Beatriz Garcia, Natalia Liss, Pam Webber, Jennie Amengual, Vidya Damodharan, Martha Gautier, Henrietta Harris, Kathy O'Neal (head coach). Photo by Sports Information.
Losing experienced players couldn’t stop the Golden Panthers. No way. No doubt, the season started off bleak only until new players signed on. The combination of the remaining players with the new and freshman players proved that all was not lost. The Panthers fought a good fight in the NCAA Division I, the toughest division. It was a quick rise into the division considering the program’s eight short years of existence. Although low attendance made things look worse, between the nationally ranked cheerleaders and some 500 spectators, every game was cheered on vigorously. Also, the spirit of the events surrounding Homecoming 1989 would not be complete without the win of the basketball team, and they did just that. As the newer players gained experience and the team as a whole built up good interaction the potential of the Golden Panthers was evident. Despite a losing season, the future shines for the team.

Among the returning players are Damon Armstrong, Diego Garcia, Michael Lofty and Robert Rowe. From Brooklyn, N.Y., the senior Damon Armstrong started as a center and played his career best against Florida Memorial scoring 21 points and taking down 10 rebounds. Due to injuries, Armstrong was not able to play much last season but was back this year ready to go. He’s noted as being the team’s best outside shooter and earned many double figured performances. Michael Lofty from Silver Springs, Maryland, earned the title of the leading field goal percentage shooter. Robert Rowe, a native Miamian, felt at home on the court by showing a great number of assists all season long.

The new rookie performed like ex-

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Our Lady Panthers have always been successful since Cindy Russo built them up. This year we lost many players, but with the new talent, remaining experience, and Coach Russo's guidance, things went as well as the five prior seasons. The Lady Panthers also sponsored two tournaments, the F.I.U. Classic and the Sun and Fun Invitational.

Teresa Boring, junior center, and Adrienne (Cont'd. on page 64)
... Is Basketball

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Jackson, senior guard, remained on the team. Both performed well but Jackson was hindered with injuries. The newcomers were able to take on the task of bringing in the wins. Two junior forwards have made an incredible impact on this very new team. Both Sheila Reynolds and Courtney Bullard have done well to clear the boards and keep the team ahead of the opponent. Reynolds received many awards and has been recognized for her performances including MVP and being named to the all-tournament team of the FLU Sun and Fun Classic. Wendy Oaster, a freshman guard, helped to take care of the team on the outside. Oaster, Reynolds and Bullard have kept average scores in double figures and have kept the team balanced.

Cindy Russo was very lucky to have such wonderful new players join the team. But it was skill and hard work not just luck which brought the success and wins this season. Next season, with the experience gained this year, should be one to look forward to.

Women's Basketball Wins: 20 Losses: 7

FIU OPP
Northeaster 64 59
Providence 75 63
Bethune-Cookman 83 71
Mercer 72 63
South Florida 64 71
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Two points. Kansas State tries hard to keep Loria Foreman down as she tries for the hoop. Photo by Sports Information.

No way out. Intimidation is the name of the game for Wendy Oaster as she intimidates her opponent in defense of the court. Photo by Panther Gazette.

Who has the ability to move the crowd? Who displays the most spirit? And who has been nationally recognized for this effort? The cheerleading squad! They are an asset to the athletic community. Their unflagging spirit and pride has supported the teams and events. The choreographed shows and cheers are spectacular and stir all students, faculty, and administrative members.

1988 was the cheerleaders' year. They have come into the spotlight and ranked 4th in the nation, Division II of the National Cheerleaders Association. But as fun and as easy as they make it look, cheering is just the opposite. With regular practices in the evenings and Saturday mornings, our cheerleaders work hard to orchestrate the various routines. Spirit, stamina, strength, and great coordination are essential for the success of a cheerleader.

For his individual efforts, Bobby Diaz was selected as Collegiate All American. What are his feelings on the team and on his selection as All American? "You can't do it for the thousands of people out there because they're not there. I do it because I enjoy cheering and I'm happy they chose to honor me for doing something that I enjoy. As far as being 4th in our division, that put us on the "cheerleading map" and next year we're aiming for number one. We're a close knit group with lots of untapped potential, so there is a lot to look forward to."

The team that displays and invokes school spirit increases it through its achievements. Not only do they perform for our basketball team and university events, but they have also appeared during Miami Heat games and other outside events. Truly a team we can be proud of.
By Alice M. Bae

The All-American sport classified with apple pies and Chevy cars is baseball. Another American tradition is winning and our baseball team certainly knows how. Coming out of every season with a winning record of at least 40 games is something we can be proud of. Danny Price, as head coach, has led our team for 10 seasons and has a high win percentage.

This season, the Panthers have kept a winning record despite the small slump they had experienced in the beginning. They have a strong team with great arms on the pitching team. These pitchers include Larry Stanford and Denny Wiseman. This staff of pitchers ranks with the nation's top pitchers. But games cannot be won unless the players can bat, and they do. One amazing story coming out of the season is the hitting streak of Anthony Hicks. On February 20, 1989, Hicks started a streak which will be recorded in FIU history as well as this college baseball season. Coach Price states "I am very pleased with this positive thing. It was positive for the team and broke some bad feelings. This was the most talented team we've had." Freddy Valera and Carlos Estevess seem to do well at the plate with .359 and .319 batting averages. Also, what's a baseball game without home runs. All in all the team was in great form this season. Next season will be "a new and young ball club" and Coach Price hopes that they can see the winning ways as they start practice in September.

Winding up. One of the top pitchers, Denny Wiseman, eyes the batter as he prepares to pitch the ball. Photo by Sports Information.
(Cont'd. from page 70)ment was the olympics. This is an annual event, soon to be tradition. Competitions were held in dart and balloon toss, basketball throw, volleyball, and the all time favorite Tug of War. Teams of 8 people, consisting of 4 males and 4 females, played on 2 days and the event was highlighted by an FIU soccer game.

Other facilities for athletic enjoyment also include fitness centers where many students pump up and tone up regularly. There are numerous outdoor tennis, racquetball, and basketball courts which seem to always be in use. Playing fields and fitness trails allow everyone to enjoy the outdoors. On the North Campus there is also an aquatic center which provides facilities for competitive swimming and diving in an olympic size diving pool.

This elaborate playground gives many people many hours of enjoyment. You can feel like a pro and test your physical skills after slaving over that term paper or project. For well rounded-ness, this aspect of university life should not be ignored.

Body and mind.
Elaine Czerniak combines exercising with her studies. She efficiently rides the stationary bike and proofreads her paper. Photo by Alice Bae.

By Alice M. Bae

hat do students do besides study and work? They play and play hard. There are many sports facilities and intramural programs which involve all members of the university. The Sunblazer Arena not only hosts our school's basketball games and volleyball matches, it also contains racquetball courts, floor hockey games, and aerobic classes. The recreational sports department of the university also provides students with sporting equipment so they can enjoy playing soccer, basketball, volleyball, flag football, tennis, golf, and baseball.

Throughout the year intramural teams are created and are pitted against each other. Students play competitively and organize through fraternities, sororities, clubs, dorms, or just groups of friends. Flag football, floor hockey, softball, and basketball are some of the types of games played in intramural. One special event held by Recreational sports and Student Govern-

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Striving For Unison

Making friends, connections, and working toward a goal were first and foremost to the individuals involved with organizations. A common bond was shared between members of clubs, fraternities, sororities, and organizations and at one point or another these members were found against the wall in regard to making their respective organization the BEST ever. Striving to be the best took time, effort and energy that could have been spent doing homework for classes.

Golden Panther Greeks were the most active of all organizations as they had the most support from their members. The Greeks rose above the red tape decision to eliminate the club room for the UH Expansion project. Instead of having a place to hand-out and because our Greek system has not been established long enough for houses, they were left with nothing. The Greeks were strong though, they were able to overcome this obstacle and remain fierce.

Meeting of the minds.
Together is the name of the game for these Greeks at a Thursday's on the Bay party at the North Miami Campus. Photo by Guy Ste.

Helping hands.
Handful in hand, Duane Thomas gives his two cents worth at a Men's Basketball game during Greek Week. Photo by George Alvarez.
Going away to college can be a very scary experience. Being responsible for every aspect of your own survival is not something to be taken lightly but it can also be a lot of fun. A greater number of F.I.U. students can now experience this aspect of college life thanks to the addition of ten new dormitory buildings at the front of the University Park campus.

Dorms range in size from studio apartments occupied by only one student to four bedroom apartments shared by up to eight roommates.

Learning to live with one or more roommates is definitely a growing experience. This is especially true when it comes to decorating a shared space. There are two distinct approaches to decor at F.I.U. The first approach involves the total rejection of every parental effort ever made in order to force a child to clean up their room. According to this school of thinking a student should keep all of their belongings in a large pile in the center of their room. It is therefore very easy to locate missing items since everything is always in the center of the room. For convenience sake this pile of dorm room. As Lira studied at his desk he could look up a collage of family pictures that spans an entire wall of his dorm room. Lira has created a personal touch. David Holley used to work in a movie theater where he collected old movie posters that the theater would throw out. The walls of his dorm room are filled with famous faces. Other students prefer to surround themselves with familiar faces instead.

Gabriel Lira is one such student. Lira has created a collage of family pictures that spans an entire wall of his dorm room. As Lira studied at his desk he could look up occasionally and feel a little less homesick at being surrounded by the familiar faces of his family.

Resident assistants have the advantage of living alone and can therefore decorate any way they wish. The resident assistant for B-building resident Mary Smiciklas has an understanding with her belongings. They do not bother her and she does not touch them. Luckily Mary's roommates each have their own bedrooms. Photo by Vivian Pomares.

Most students used posters to wallpaper their rooms and add just the right personal touch. David Holley used to work in a movie theater where he collected old movie posters that the theater would throw out. The walls of his dorm room are filled with famous faces. Other students prefer to surround themselves with familiar faces instead.

Richard Hein and his roommate used concrete blocks to create one of the most imaginative and interesting dorm rooms on campus. Each bed became a sleeping loft when raised on stacks of concrete blocks. The roommates then placed their desks underneath the lofts creating a private and cozy nook for studying. The cavities in the concrete blocks provide additional storage for small items and boards placed across them create bookshelves.

Photo by Vivian Pomares.

Students and Their Dorms

By Vivian Pomares

Dorms

Heaven and Hell

At The Movies.

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Dorms
Cheese! While studio apartments do allow students a lot of privacy they can also be a lonely place. Gilberto Lira of E-building solves this dilemma by filling the walls of his studio with family pictures. Smile for the camera! Photo by Vivian Pomares.

Kill the roaches!
Respect for private property is not always a number one priority for students. Some F.I.U. students feel that a silent protest against roaches is more important. Nick Korniloff of B-building is one such student. Photo by Vivian Pomares.
Luxurious Suites.
Gary Cappello's luxurious apartment includes a complete audio-visual media center, fully stocked bar and a glamorous view of the F-building parking lot. Now this is living.

Roomies.
Being roommates is not always easy. Learning to live together involves a great deal of sharing. B-building "roomies" Kevin Siegert and Yiannis Ioannou share everything including their posters of naked women.
The call of the wild.
F-Building resident assistant Mahnaz Davachi feels at one with nature since her apartment is filled with plant and animal life including a real lion. Actually it is only a stuffed lion.

Lofty ideas.
A little imagination inspired Richard Hein and his roommate to carry concrete blocks up to their second floor F-building dorm room to create this unique room. Now they can relax in their loft beds or study at their desks below.
Plus IV Members Speak Out

By Vivian Pomares

What does it feel like to be physically limited? This question makes as much sense as asking someone what it feels like to be black, Chinese or Cuban. Being physically limited does not really affect the way a person feels about themself physically. However, you do "really have to look inside yourself and see who you are and learn to not just see people physically but see what they are inside," says Mercy Rodriguez. Mercy is a member of Plus IV, a social organization available at F.I.U. and open to all students who wish to meet people who are fun-loving, sociable and physically limited. Even though the organization is open to the entire student body, Plus IV members find that ambulatory students tend to shy away from joining.

Susan Kearns feels that ambulatory students "represent reality and a lot of people do not care to handle this reality. College is supposed to be fun, why would you want to get involved in something that makes you sad?"

Even though many students do feel this way they should not. Plus IV members are not depressing or bogged down with problems. They are typical college students who perhaps possess a greater depth to their personalities because they have had to work harder to get where they are.

There are, however, some special problems faced by physically limited students that should be addressed. The greatest of these is on-campus transportation. For those students on the University Park Campus, it becomes very difficult to get to the trailers on the West campus. The trailers do not have any handicapped ramps, telephones or bathrooms and getting around can become very difficult for anyone in a wheelchair or who, like Kiwan Khowry (Plus IV president), has a visual disability. Plus IV is working with the university to improve such situations, and yet, the members insist that they will generally stay away from politics. The members are more interested in creating a support group to help students in making the transition from high school into college life. It is difficult for many students such as Susan Kearns, who has a speech impediment, to ask for help. "It is very hard for me to ask for help because people do not understand what I just said, it would be nice if sometimes some of the students would come out and say 'can I help you take notes?'" For students like Susan it is very helpful to have a support group like Plus IV.

Plus IV is sponsoring the first annual F.I.U. awareness week April 12 through April 14. An informative fifteen minute video will be produced explaining the various types of disabilities including visible and non-visible disabilities. There will also be a day for simulations where people can experience getting around in a wheelchair or blindfolded for a short while. The week will close with an Appreciation Banquet for all those people who are always willing to lend a helping hand. "Whenever I am there is someone saying, 'you need a hand?,'" says Mercy Rodriguez. Plus IV members have a very important message to give to the world. It is not a message of world peace or of ending homelessness, it is the
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Campus Fox volunteers to help the great need which exists on campus for volunteers to help with physically limited students.

Rodriguez are remarkably optimistic people. Rodriguez

Both Keam and Rodriguez are victims of a drunken driver's negligence and therefore are familiar with the alternative consequences of drunk driving. The possible pain caused can be much more devastating and far-reaching than death. Anyone seeing this commercial on television will walk away with a very vivid image of what can happen if they drink and drive. Both Keam and Rodriguez would have given a great deal if the people responsible for their injuries had seen a commercial like this and perhaps thought twice before getting into an automobile while under the influence. As it turns out both of these young women ended up losing a great deal anyway. Despite their loss both Keam and Rodriguez are remarkably optimistic people. Rodriguez wheels around campus bringing smiles everywhere she goes; it seems as if she is incapable of harboring ill will against anyone. It was Rodriguez who suggested that physically limited students possess a greater depth to their personalities because of the personal difficulties they may have faced and yet are otherwise the same as anyone else. As for Susan Keam, it is difficult to grasp that anyone could possess such a witty sense of humor after having suffered as Keam has. The appearance of both Keam and Rodriguez in this commercial may not stop drunk driving deaths altogether yet it is nonetheless of monumental importance. Plus IV members are making a very important impression in our community. In the three short years since Plus IV was established at F.L.U. in the fall of 1986 it has grown into a vital organ of our school. As Keam states it "we exist and we are great."

Susan Keam

Keeping an eye on things. Visually impaired students do most of their reading in the library where specially designed machines do most of the reading for them. Eric Torres uses these machines when he cannot find someone to read to him.


When you say the word love different people are going to give different definitions... and always the only love you will know is the love you have experienced.  

Tommy Butler

Unconditional Love.  
The example of unconditional love was set for us by Jesus Christ and only in following his example can we hope to obtain true happiness. This is the message Chi Alpha wants to give to F.I.U.
Earning Honors
Working to be the Best

By Vivian Pomares

In the fast-paced world of university life there is usually very little time to spare on unecessary activities. Even activities which used to be spontaneous have become specific characters in a daily routine. Attending classes is merely the tip of the iceberg and depending on a student's area of study they can expect to spend anywhere from two to twelve hours a week working outside the classroom. For those unfortunate souls who also have to work for a living time becomes an even more precious commodity. Even if you do not work for a living, the key word is still "time" and how to spend it wisely. What is the reward for doing it all and making it all work? Aside from earning a degree there is the added incentive of graduating with honors and knowing that you are among the best of the class. Of course success in college is no guarantee of success in the outside world. Numerous honor societies exist on both campuses of F.L.U.; they all share the university goal of recognizing students who work hard to be above average in every aspect of university life. Phi Lambda National Honor Fraternity is a fairly new honor society on campus and yet has already grown into a strong and active organization. Several members of Phi Lambda are involved in student government as well as various activity committees around campus. Functioning primarily as an academic organization, Phi Lambda offers tutoring services to students and also sets aside time to visit local high schools in the hopes of recruiting future Phi Lambda members. Eric Y. Reznik is the president of Phi Lambda and has great hopes for its future. He says that the organization will continue to "recognize all of the hardworking students who care about their education, their university and themselves." Wearing a gold medal at graduation means much more than having achieved good grades. It represents an effort to be the best which has been successfully executed.

Fringe benefits. Hard work and dedication offer Lee Sherry the opportunity to be a member of Phi Lambda and to enjoy some fringe benefits such as the awards banquet.

The smiles of success. Membership in Phi Lambda is rewarded as Romeo D. Montese and Audrey Bally share a moment of pride and honor.


PHI LAMBDA NATIONAL HONOR FRATERNITY. Eric Y. Reznik, Yvonne Pett, Lester Wright, Audrey Bally.
Radio Station Seeks FM Fame

By Vivian Pomares

College radio may very well become a major marketing force in Miami's future, that is if Ben Sardinas and Pete Dubowsky have anything to do with it. Both say that they have big plans for their on-campus radio station WUFI. Dubowsky states that the radio station is "looking to be a major force in the nation's eleventh market - Miami."

Among the various goals that Sardinas and Dubowsky have set for the station priority is being given to the dream of achieving FM status. While this may still be one or even several years away no one at WUFI seems to suffer from a lack of motivation. Only a few semesters ago the station was in bad shape and sorely in need of good administration.

Then Ben Sardinas came on the scene. "I have yet to see anyone who is even half as good as Ben as an administrator... he faces brand new challenges every day and lives up to everyone." Dubowsky continues, "it was the energy of a few students that made this radio station happen from an empty room." Along with those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, including Stewart Blanc and Charles Michaels, a great number of students became involved once WUFI hit the air.

Disc jockeys are natives of the education, fine arts, hospitality, political science and engineering schools therefore each D.J. has something unique to offer to the station. Dubowsky speaks highly of the disc jockeys at WUFI at the Mike. Each "bring their own talent and apply it to the mike," according to Pete Dubowsky who also enjoys putting in time at the mike. (Cont'd. on page 92)
I'd rather not talk about the music. Oldies rock stations and F.I.U. stations all classic stations do not have to wonder whether the audience will appreciate a certain piece of music. It is likely that they have heard the song a thousand times before already. In the case of WUFI the audience is probably hearing the programmed music for the very first time. "We are dealing with unknown groups and unknown record labels and it is our job to make it happen for them," says Dubowsky. Many unknown groups make their debut on college campuses and WUFI is determined to become an important place for new groups to break ground.

In March Sardinas, Dubowsky and Charles Michaels attended a college media conference in New York City where they swapped information with students from around the nation who also run college radio stations. They brainstormed on ways to improve WUFI and on achieving FM status. In between seminars the three took in the sights of New York and Florida radio stations and concluded it was not beyond their reach to first emulate other college radio stations and then establish their own style. Just as the energy of a few students has brought the radio station out of an empty room it is that same energy which will keep it growing.

Just as Dubowsky feels that it is WUFI's job to "make it happen for unknown groups" it is the job of all students who work at the radio station to make it happen for WUFI. From the look of things so far it seems as if these students are well on their way to doing so.

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Julie O'Dell

The Birth Of A Yearbook

By Vivian Pomares

How hard is it to live down a bad reputation and still come out ahead? Just ask Julie O'Dell, editor-in-chief of the 1989 Flashback Yearbook you are now holding in your hands. It can be very hard. "In the past it has been merely a second-rate publication and we aim to change that," says O'Dell. With only a handful of students working to put together the book it does not seem likely that it could be done. However, O'Dell sees this as "a building-block year...we are trying to create a foundation on which future yearbooks can be improved from year to year." Without knowing if successive generations of students will possess the drive to keep FLASHBACK alive it is necessary to draw motivation from the act "of doing a service to our school and community," according to O'Dell.

The yearbook staff attended a college conference in New York City in March where they studied the ins and outs of good yearbook technique. More importantly, the staff was exposed to the latest trends in the industry and met with college students around the nation who shared in the excitement of the "gold rush" atmosphere. The staff is guaranteed that their banquet will be a success and will provide them with the knowledge they need to move forward.

The story of the yearbook began in New York City in March where the staff attended a college conference. With encouragement from the college staff and the ins and outs of good yearbook technique, the staff was able to create a foundation for future yearbooks. The staff's goal is to improve the yearbook each year, and they are determined to succeed.

O'Dell, the editor-in-chief, is committed to making Flashback a success. She believes that the staff's drive for creating an award-winning yearbook is essential. With a very limited staff, the yearbook creators are forced to handle every aspect of the business. The staff, however, are determined to improve the yearbook each year. Yearbook sales are already underway, and plans for the 1990 Flashback yearbook are already underway. The yearbook staff is guaranteed to improve the yearbook each year. O'Dell's commitment to success is evident in her drive to create a foundation for future yearbooks.
By Vivian Pomares

How low can a greek go? This was the question many F.I.U. students were asking themselves as the limbo contest got under way during the 1989 Homecoming festivities at F.I.U. This year's theme was "Return to Camelot." As mimes and jugglers danced around the campus grounds they seemed to be stepping out of the pages of a history book from the mythical world of Camelot.

As characters of centuries past entertained homecoming enthusiasts with their tricks greeks proved that they knew some tricks of their own. The limbo contest was just the beginning of the fun as contestants were put in rather unflattering positions.

As the greeks moved on to other physical events the three-legged race came to a close finish. The Delta Phi Epsilon team was brought to its knees as they approached the finish line. They were only inches behind the Phi Mu duo when one member lost the balance and collapsed on her knees. As these two teams battled it out for first place the Tau Kappa Epsilon team was helpless except to stand by and watch after having come to a complete standstill. They appeared to be in total shock at the fact that the Delta Phi Epsilon team had fallen down. At any rate Tau Kappa Epsilon did not stand a very good chance of winning the three-legged race.

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Face Paint. This greek is not trying to blend into the crowd. On the contrary, he is trying to stand out not only as a member of Phi Delta Theta but as a Golden Panther as well. Photo by Julie O'Dell.

Although many spectators were wondering just how low Greeks de la Flor de could go. Her face paint allowed her to blend into the crowd neatly to a tribe outfit. Photo by George Alvarez.
Huge Appetites!
Greeks demonstrated their gastronomical talents during a pie-eating contest, part of the homecoming festivities. With their hands secured behind their backs contestants could depend on only their mouths to see them to victory. Photo by George Alvarez.

Active Participants.
Active participants such as this Phi Sigma Sigma member helped create an atmosphere of enthusiasm and school spirit during homecoming events. Photo by George Alvarez.

We're Number One!
These Tau Kappa Epsilon members harbored no doubts about their Greek superiority or the success of our very own Golden Panthers. Photo by Julie O'Dell.
Positive Influences

By Vivian Pomares

There is a stigma attached to college fraternities which is very difficult to shake — the troublemakers. No matter how hard-working and respectable a given fraternity may prove itself to be, they will always be the number one suspect when any given incident occurs on campus. This burden is shared equally by the various fraternities at F.I.U. However, one vision stands out in the crowd and refuses to let history repeat itself. Today's generation of Phi Delta Theta is determined to make a difference.

Phi Delta Theta Doug Jeffries brainstormed an idea which would help prove that fraternities are an important part of our F.I.U. community and should not be shunned because of past wrongs committed by former generations of brothers. Jeffries' idea was a simple one which could be easily executed. His idea was "Panther Paws." One brisk morning last semester at 10:00 A.M. a group of Phi Delta's gathered around the Arena as the F.I.U. mascot the golden panther looked on.

When the brothers had finished their work the Arena had been claimed as a panther property. Phi Delta John Walicki feels "panther paws" was an important symbolic gesture that showed the spirit of F.I.U. fraternities. "Fraternities are more trouble than most people want to know and this proves that we can do positive things as well," says Walicki.

Brainstorm.

Phi Delta Doug Jeffries brainstormed the idea to claim the Sunblazer Arena by laying down panther tracks.

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Panther Paws.

Outside of the Sunblazer Arena Phi Delta Theta members lay a path of panther tracks as a symbolic gesture of their school spirit.
his past Christmas season the FIU chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity proved that miracles do in fact exist. Phi Mu members saw a need in our community which desperately needed filling and took it upon themselves to fill it. The needs they saw were those of children in need of medical miracles. While organizations do exist in order to help these children they are only as powerful as the amount of donations which they can raise.

During the Christmas holiday of 1988 Phi Mu members acted upon a philanthropic project entitled "Light Up A Child's Life." Phi Mu members gave away brass tree ornaments with every five dollar donation made on behalf of the children. Members set up tables at the Falls shopping center and in the University House building of the University Park campus. Persons wishing to help a sick child could then stop at one of these tables and make a donation.

In addition to "Light Up A Child's Life" Phi Mu also conducted various other projects and succeeded in raising a total of six thousand, seven hundred and seventy two dollars for the children. The money was then passed on to the local branch of the Children's Miracle Network and the Miami Children's Hospital. Phi Mu members made a few miracles possible for some very sick children. 

Miracle Workers.
Phi Mu members Mari Canas, Shawn Arnold, Anne Burke, Ashley Hodges, Cindy Oswick, Linda Mijares, Pam Phillips, Lisa Azan and Jane Beck the Miami alumnae chapter president of Phi Mu pose outside of the Falls shopping center where they collected donations for the Children's Miracle Network.

PHI SIGMA SIGMA. Front Row: Yvonne Tillan, Vivian Decgard, Michelle Olero. Back Row: Kathy Rodriguez, Gladys de la Horra, Laura Trueba, Maria Fernandez, Milly Busti, Suse Sanchez, Maria Sosa, Lynette Galano, Sandra Sanchez, Marcia Monserrat.

A wave of vandalism has spread over F.I.U. during the past year with offices in the University House building being the prime targets. Security is almost non-existent and it is therefore fairly simple for vandals to break into any of the offices. Often robbery is the motive. Cameras and film have been stolen from the yearbook office during numerous break-ins throughout the past year. On other occasions the vandals were merely out to destroy property with some vindictive motive in mind.

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Desks had been overturned and papers were thrown across the floor. Fraternity and sorority desks were raided and their contents destroyed. Graffiti covered every spare inch of wall space. Not surprisingly the vandals do not seem to have possessed a great deal of intelligence or an extensive vocabulary. The most profound statement that the vandals were able to make was general declaration that people "suck." Obviously anyone with the minimal intelligence necessary to perform such an act of vandalism is not likely to be capable of constructing any phrases with more than two words.

Valdes-Valle feels that no greek organization is likely to be responsible for the vandalism since they would therefore not have vandalized their own property. She points out that there were students from other local colleges and high schools present at the party as well as total strangers who may have walked in off the street. Any of these people could have been responsible for the vandalism. Regardless of who committed the crime there is no excuse for the vandalism.

Meanwhile the Greeks no longer have a clubroom. They are attempting to obtain space for themselves through the University House building expansion plan which is currently taking place. It may take some time for the Greeks to regain their territory and it is even less likely that they will successfully obtain fraternity and sorority housing on-campus any time in the near future. The Greeks promise they will keep working towards these goals.

Simple Minds

Vandalism Plagues Campus

By Vivian Pomares

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Hitting the Books

Day in and day out students found themselves up against the wall facing tests, homework, and deadlines. Both North and South Campus libraries were packed full of students studying alone or together. Maybe it was the companionship that helped them keep their sanity amidst the pressure. Or it could have been the thought of the upcoming weekend or vacation that kept them going. Whatever the case, students pulled through each semester toward their final goal — graduation.

Pre-test jitters. A student uses every free minute before class to review for her exam. Photo by Geoff Bass.

Decisions, decisions. Choosing and signing up for classes is one of the privileges, and headaches, of being a college student. Telephones have become a much needed asset for relieving the long lines and tension of registration. Photo by Robert Stark.
The College of Arts and Sciences has been restructured over the years to provide a strong base for undergraduate and graduate programs in humanities, arts, mathematics, and the natural and social sciences.

As undergraduates, students must have completed work in both a physical and biological science; acquired a useful level of computational skill; acquired a high proficiency in written expression; and studied a foreign language. The college's outstanding academic programs encompassed these areas and helped provide a fundamental beginning education. Graduate programs provided students with in-depth training and extensive research opportunities in their chosen fields.

Although the role of the College of Arts and Sciences was derived from traditional intellectual disciplines, the special geographic, demographic, and cultural features of Miami and South Florida were incorporated into the College's instructional and research activities. Areas which are urban, multicultural, international or subtropical were emphasized in course offerings and new program selection.

Students in the smaller graduate program classes experience more individual one on one teaching and a personal, close-knit atmosphere. Photo by Geoff Bass.

Two sophomores take advantage of the time before class to discuss their upcoming assignment in Philosophical Analysis, a required course for all undergraduates. Photo by Geoff Bass.

English major Steve Richards proofreads his work carefully before submitting the final copy to his professor. Photo by Geoff Bass.

After setting up her microscope, Chemistry major Jeanne Edmond prepares to analyze the process of cell mitosis. Photo by Geoff Bass.
F.I.U.'s College of Business Administration provided a source of applied business theory and research which was regarded as one of the nation's finest.

The college is organized into the School of Accounting and departments of Decision Sciences, Finance, International Business Management and Marketing and Environment.

The prestigious American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business has accredited F.I.U.'s Master of Accounting, Master of Taxation and Master of Business programs. These were among the 37 top programs in the nation to be recognized. Said accounting major Chris Alvarado, "Firms all over Florida and across the country are waiting for F.I.U.'s business graduates."

Students often have time to review their training as they await the beginning of their interviews. Photo by Geoff Bass.

Junior Mark Allen concentrates intently on the report he is preparing for his Marketing Research class. Photo by Geoff Bass.

Thumbing through a cross-reference listing of both large and small corporations, Senior Tom Richards gains insight as to where he may apply after receiving his Business degree. Photo by Geoff Bass.
The School of Computer Science was an important building block of the College of Arts and Sciences. The School maintained a close relationship with the Colleges of Engineering and Design and Business Administration, and was especially responsible to the needs for staffing and information to the increasing number of major service and high technology companies in South Florida, as well as South Florida's flourishing banking, financial, insurance, and medical service sectors.

The School offered both undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Graduates of the Bachelor of Science program were prepared for entry-level positions involving computer-related tasks such as programming and small system design, and for entry into graduate programs involving computers. The Master of Science degree provided study in state-of-the-art computer application as well as an introduction to the theoretical foundations of computer science. The Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science was designed to provide study in all major areas of computer science while leading to the frontiers of knowledge in a chosen field of concentration.
The College of Education offered instructional programs at the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels, engaged in research and development and provided field services to the educational community. A Board of Regents review team recently reported that the College has the finest relationship with school systems and the organized teaching profession of any of the institutions in the State University System.

The instruction, research, development and service programs of the College of Education reinforce and strengthen the mission of Florida International University as a comprehensive, urban public university. Both the University and the college share a deep sense of responsibility to the community and an urgency to respond to the community's needs.

A comprehensive view of education shows that there is a growing demand for educational services and an unfortunate shortage of new teachers, especially in Dade County, the nation's fourth largest public school system. The College of Education responded to this challenge by developing creative new programs to meet the needs of education and society and by training capable teachers to guide present and future generations.

Education majors must have a deep interest in learning and teaching, as well as a good amount of patience.

Teachers play a vital role in the growth and development of future generations.

The College of Education is one of the largest schools at F.I.U.
The College of Engineering was committed to the development of professionals who will serve the community in a variety of fields. The programs were directed toward the practical use of scientific, engineering, and technical principals to meet the objectives of industry, business, government and the public.

The College provided each student with the opportunity to develop marketable skills and to obtain an education which will prepare him or her for a rewarding career and personal growth. Underlying the programs of the College is a recognition that the growing impact of technology is critical to meeting current and emerging human needs.

The College was actively engaged in a number of special programs as a service to the community and the University. One of these activities was the International Association for Housing Science, an organization with membership from more than twenty nations, dedicated to improving housing technology and production, as well as studying the interdisciplinary aspects of housing.

The College faculty was actively engaged with business, industry and government. Faculty members participated in a variety of applied research projects in such areas as energy, transportation, solid waste disposal, water resources, computer engineering, artificial intelligence, robotics, microelectronics, etc.

Gold-plated shovels ceremoniously mark the place where the new building will be built. The new Engineering building will have nine classrooms, 32 teaching labs, 17 research labs and 110 offices.

President Modesto Maidique and Provost Judith Stiehm join other prominent faculty members at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Engineering building.

Dr. Ted Lee (left) and Professor Sollner test their latest project in the Robotics Lab, where students and faculty use sophisticated tools for research which eventually lead to the development of even more advanced and useful equipment.
The School of Design offered baccalaureate degree programs not only in Apparel Management, but also in Architecture, Technology, Construction Management and Interior Design. Graduate degree programs were offered in Construction Management and Landscape Architecture.

The School of Design worked closely with the apparel, architecture, interior design and construction industries. Advisory committees periodically reviewed the curriculum in order to maintain its relevancy with the changing needs of the industry and the community.

On April 14, the School of Design presented their exhibition and fashion show Inspirations at the Sunblazer Arena. The program featured original designs created by students in Fashion, Interior Design, Architectural Studies, Landscape Architecture and Construction Management. Inspirations gave students a chance to display their individuality and showcase their talents.

F.I.U. Graduate Olga Ruiz models a unique creation by designer Jill Zook.

Wearing an elegant dress by Darlene Fearon, Donna Fearon is the essence of style as she graces the runway.
HEALTH SCIENCES

The College of Health offered programs of professional study in the health professions and promoted articulation between the academic units and clinical, experimental settings. Approximately 300 different clinical centers were utilized in the various cooperative training and research programs. The relationships with these clinics gave students the opportunity for clinical education and applied research.

The academic departments of the College offered courses leading to a baccalaureate degree in Dietetics and Nutrition, Medical Laboratory Science, Medical Records Administration, Occupational Therapy and Public Health. All degree programs were fully accredited by their professional accrediting body. Completion of any of the education programs gave students a strong educational and practical background as they entered a rewarding and rapidly expanding profession. The employment rate among F.I.U. graduates in the past was very high; most are hired immediately upon graduation by leading health care facilities locally and around the nation.

Intricate diagrams, such as this one of the human nervous and circulatory systems, are used as teaching aids in health classes. Photo by Geoff Bass.

Students study with interest as they learn the fundamentals in their Principles of Nutrition course. Photo by Geoff Bass.

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Students would often help each other study for their Health Sciences courses by quizzing each other. Photo by Geoff Bass.

Secretary Specialist of Public Health Services, Georgia Bass, finishes her work in the Public Health office. Photo by Geoff Bass.
The School of Hospitality Management ranked as one of the best in the country. South Florida's reputation as an important tourist and travel destination drew many Hospitality majors from other states or countries to the University, where they have an excellent opportunity to back their studies with field experience.

The School offered Bachelor's and Master's programs that combined classroom theory with practical training obtained through internships. An internship program was created which utilized the hotels, motels, restaurants, clubs, airlines, travel agencies and cruise lines as practice labs for students. The advanced phase of this program provided each student with a structured and closely supervised management experience normally not available to a student until after graduation.

Between the months of July and August, the School made its move from the South to the North campus, where its new home was still under construction. The new building, when completed, will contain 3 commercial kitchens, a bakeshop/patisserie, preparation areas, an exhibition rotisserie, lecture facilities, an auditorium, a restaurant with a fully equipped display and demonstration/service bar, reception areas, and lounges.
The School of Journalism and Mass Communication offered courses in advertising, telecommunications, public relations, and journalism. The purpose of the School was to provide professional career entry skills as well as a broader understanding of communication processes and techniques and their impact on society. Emphasis was placed on a broad range of knowledge while keeping with the standards required of nationally-accredited mass communications programs.

The aim of the undergraduate communication program at the University was to prepare students who are broadly educated, can think clearly and objectively, are proficient in basic skills, and understand the social, ethical, economic, philosophical, and political aspects of the communication profession in a global society. The graduate program of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication specialized in print and broadcast journalism, telecommunications management, student media advising and public relations. The orientation of the graduate program was primarily professional, not theoretical. The program was designed to enhance graduates' abilities to work in the mass communication professions.

The North Miami campus provides excellent areas for location filming. Student Ulrike Summitt reports as Students Dan Saporta, Sandy Mosley and Claudia Urbe assist behind the camera. Photo by Geoff Bass.

Communications students Barry Segal and Dina Allende review and edit the day's tape. Photo by Geoff Bass.

Professor Robert Ruttenberg teaches Student Dan Saporta special recording techniques in his Electronic News Gathering class. Photo by Geoff Boss.
Senior Nursing student Chris Colallo practices her basic skills on an anatomically life-like dummy in the Nursing Lab before receiving assignments in actual health care facilities.

The School of Nursing provided an innovative program for qualified men and women. Students benefited from working closely with over 30 area hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and community health care centers.

The School of Nursing prepared nurses who quickly assumed duties and leadership positions in clinics and hospitals. Students were given first-hand experience in providing care in a variety of services, including medical, surgical, critical care, pediatrics, obstetrics, gerontology, rehabilitation, psychiatric and community health.

Through private and federally funded projects, The Nursing faculty and students were actively involved in expanding the frontiers of nursing knowledge and practice. An award from the U.S. Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services enabled students and faculty to improve access to quality health care in neglected rural and inner city clinics.

Individual faculty also served as consultants to area hospitals, nursing homes and mental health clinics in problems related to gerontological, psychiatric, maternal, and clinical care nursing.

Teaching aids such as this model of the human skeleton are extremely helpful to both instructor and student and are an integral part of nursing education. Photo by Geoff Bass.

Accurate note taking and diligent study are both vital steps in becoming a registered nurse. Photo by Geoff Bass.
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The School of Public Affairs and Services offered programs of professional study which provided academic and applied courses for students interested in public and nonprofit organizational needs, management and research. Emphasis was placed on achieving a comprehensive, developmental and community-oriented understanding of problems, issues, alternatives and needs of an urban society faced with rapidly changing social, political, economic and cultural conditions.

The School served as a focal point for teaching, research and service related to the public. Its main goal was to prepare professionals for careers in public service. The program trained students to understand community-oriented problems and issues and to respond effectively to the needs of society.

With departments of Criminal Justice, Health Services Administration, Public Administration and Social Work, F.I.U. has one of the largest and most comprehensive Public Affairs schools in the U.S.

Students listen intently and pay close attention to the professor during their Judicial Review class. Photo by Geoff Bass.

Former Governor Reuben Askew emphasizes a point, while Dean Allan Rosenbaum looks on.

A law student reviews past judicial hearings and court decisions in order to gain insight before preparing her own arguments.
Day after day, night after night, the libraries on both campuses were filled with students completing homework assignments, studying, reading, researching, writing or just socializing with friends. The library, though often crowded, provided a haven for students needing an escape from their distracting homes or dorm rooms.

The libraries provided access to over 800,000 books, in addition to substantial holdings in federal, state, local and international documents. Maps, microforms, software, newspapers, scholarly articles, institutional archives, music scores, curriculum materials and audiovisual resources were also readily available to library patrons.

The Library User Information Service (LUIS), Interlibrary Loan Service, Computer-Assisted Research Services and helpful library staff members made it possible for students to obtain whatever information or materials they might have needed throughout the course of the school year.
Every year, F.I.U. awards degrees to graduates who become successful and noted professionals in their fields. One of the most prominent of all alumni is Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.

Throughout the '80s, Ros-Lehtinen has been a familiar name in South Florida politics, being the first Hispanic woman elected to the Florida Senate and House of Representatives. She has now also become the first Cuban-American, first Republican, and first woman in Congress from Dade County. In August, she defeated Democrat Gerald F. Richman by nearly 6,000 votes to win the seat formerly held by the late Claude Pepper.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Ros-Lehtinen graduated from Miami-Dade Community College in 1972. She received two degrees from F.I.U.: a B.A. in English in 1975 and an M.S. in Educational Leadership in 1987. She taught and was principal at Eastern Academy, a private school in Miami.

Ros-Lehtinen has been a regular contributor to Diario Las Americas and has conducted toy and clothing drives for sick and neglected children. She is honorary president of the Bilingual Private School Association, and is a member of the Council of Bilingual Schools, the Epilepsy Foundation of South Florida and F.I.U.'s College of Education Advisory Board.

"I think F.I.U. has been very instrumental in helping me achieve my goals," she said. "I chose F.I.U. because of its many programs and diversity, and it's a decision I've never regretted. My recent election says positive things about the great potential F.I.U. graduates have in our country."

—Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
The faculty and staff of any university are an integral part of campus life and the educational experience. At Florida International University, we are fortunate enough to have some of the most highly trained and well-recognized professors and administrators in the country.

The faculty members of F.I.U. go above and beyond their everyday responsibilities with the intent of making an impact on their students, the community and the world. This section highlights only a few of the outstanding accomplishments achieved by F.I.U.'s faculty and administrators. There are many more but unfortunately not everyone could be recognized. Yet all should realize that their contributions have made a notable difference. Keep up the good work!

Judith Stiehm, F.I.U.'s Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, has made a great contribution to society through the publication of her book, Arms and the Enfranchised Women. The book examines the experiences of American women in the military as well as the myth and stereotypes that have perpetuated regarding their roles in the armed forces.

Stiehm has noted expertise in the topics of women in the military, political theory, social change, conflict resolution and the status of women. Her other books include Nonviolent Power, Bring Me Men and Women: Mandated Change at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Men, Women and State Violence: Government and the Military. The provost explained her interest in the subject originated some 25 years ago.

"Once upon a time there was a civil rights movement in this country and all my friends went off to participate in it," she said. "I had two babies, as I stayed home and wrote about the civil rights movement. When I finished the book Nonviolent Power I realized that hardly anybody took it seriously. So then I thought: What is the world in the minds of those people who believe in violence? The obvious institution to study was the military and particularly the professional military. "I was ready to begin studying the armed forces around the time when they first let women into the military academies," Stiehm continued. "I had the good fortune of being allowed to spend as much time as I wanted at the Air Force Academy to study the integration of women. I was studying the women, who seemed to be perfectly normal. But what was really bizarre was the attitudes of the men, who thought women couldn't and shouldn't be there. So my study focused on men's reaction to women, and why it bothered them so much that women should use violence. Men use violence all the time; they accept it, they're forced to use it. This new book is a study of people in a violent institution who are not allowed to be violent. It's really a strange beast: women volunteer to be in an institution committed to violence and then they're not allowed to be violent. That's why it's so interesting, they're in it and they're not in it."

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VICTORIA HERNANDEZ

Victoria Hernandez, executive director of Asunta of Florida, is noted for her work and dedication to the field, bringing a fresh perspective to the organization's mission of providing leadership development, consultation, and support services.

Outstanding Faculty

RENÉE HERRERA

Renée Herrera is a leader in her field, recognized for her contributions to the community and the profession. She has held various positions, including President of the American Dietetics Association (ADA), and is known for her expertise in nutrition and dietetics.

NANCY WELLMAN

Nancy Wellman is the chairwoman of the ADA's Department of Dietetics and Nutrition, and a national leader in the field of dietetics. She is known for her commitment to professional development and her leadership in addressing important health issues.

WILLIAM F. WRIGHT

William F. Wright, associate professor in the University of Central Florida's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, has played a significant role in the field of journalism, contributing to research and educational programs. He has been recognized for his work and has received various awards.

Outstanding Faculty
Basketball games, study sessions, parties, even our classes would not be the same without one essential ingredient — people. With our broad variety of cultures and personalities, we give F.L.U. the unique environment it is known for.

"The essence of academic life is not always in the books but in the people we interact with."

These words of wisdom were spoken by Winston Churchill, and hold especially true for the people of F.L.U. The faculty, students, and staff were known to pull together during the good and not-so-good times, creating that special spirit of unity which kept them going throughout the year.

The original melting pot. Students of every sex, race, and religion squeeze together at an F.L.U. event with the same singular goal in mind — to have fun.

GRROWWLL! Four Phi-Mus cuddle up to the Golden Panther at a basketball game.
Much-Loathed Process

Horror . . . Panic . . . It is registration week! The horror of thinking about registration and then actually going through it is present. Panic arises when one finds out that the class that one registered for is closed. The reworking of the schedule is then required.

During registration week, the first floor of the Primera Casa building strongly resembles a big sale at a store. Everyone is there. The lines run from one end of the building to the other; they resemble a complicated maze. It can prove a challenge just trying to reach the elevator from any one of the entrance doors. Masses of rude, obnoxious people stand in your path. You ask them politely to step aside, but they refuse to budge. As you stand there saying, "Excuse me, please. Excuse me!!", out of the corner of your eye you see people giving you the dirtiest look ever.

Standing in line for over two hours and seeing people who let their friends cut into the line is even more upsetting. You know what I am talking about. The wait to register then becomes even longer than it already is, yet there is no escape.

By the time you get to the front of the line and give your registration form to the person working behind the computer so that he can punch in your reference numbers, you are told by him that three of the four classes that you registered for are closed. You then have to give him an alternate three classes to punch in which will be more than likely at all different times of the day. Most students like to have schedules where there are no time gaps between classes.

There is an alternative to waiting in line, which is a telephone registration system that has been in use for over two years, but even such a system has its faults. The problem of the lines being constantly being busy is nothing new. It may take as much as half an hour to get through or you get through but are disconnected because of system malfunction. At this point, some students become so frustrated that they just give up, only to tackle this grueling task another day.

Nevertheless, whether one registers through the telephone registration system or through the lines, problems are bound to arise. It is just something that students have to endure as a result of being in college.
What Do You Think?

When asked the question, "What do you think about registration?", these are some of the replies students gave.

The lines were really long on open registration day. They were winding outside the Primera Casa (PC) building. I waited till classes started before I registered. I did not have any problems; I got most of the classes that I wanted.

Edwina Mincey, freshman

There are too few sections of core courses offered. More teachers are needed. Many students are trying to get into sections that are already closed. All of my classes were closed when I registered by phone. I became so frustrated!

Optimist, Maria Franco, junior

There has been no improvement with registration. The people who are supposed to help you do not help very much. They are not very helpful when asked questions. In order to help ease the problems with registration, orientations should be held for students.

Alan Pellman, junior
Richard Garcia, an accounting graduate, out-scored nearly 64,900 fellow students who took the lengthy Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination throughout the country last May.

Garcia is one of 123 students to receive a certificate "With High Distinction" in the Elijah Watt Sells Awards program. Students who earn top grades are awarded a gold, silver, or bronze medal.

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Way to go.
Upon receiving an extremely high score on the CPA exam, Richard Garcia is in store for wonderful things in the future. As a member of Beta Alpha Psi he is pictured speaking to that organization. Photo by Beta Alpha Psi.
It has finally happened. An official seal has been unveiled, designed to conceptualize the ideals, goals, and aspirations of the institution.

In a ceremony following the university’s convocation exercises last week, President Modesto A. (Mitch) Maidique unveiled the seal which is displayed in the Primera Casa (PC) building at University Park.

“Our new seal is the culmination of a six-month process that included input from members of the faculty and staff, the student body, the Board of Regents, and the Board of Trustees,” says President Maidique. “We believe it captures through its symbols and its motto — hope, knowledge, and opportunity — the traditions and the aspirations of our university.”

The seal includes “The Torch of Knowledge, Service, and Understanding” which is the university’s visible symbol. “The Book of Knowledge” symbolizes the university’s commitment to excellence in teaching and learning, and “The Globe,” depicting North, Central, and South America illustrates the university’s commitment to helping foster greater understanding throughout the world.

The university’s motto, “Spes Scientia Facultas,” is Latin for hope, knowledge, and opportunity.

“Convocation is one of the most auspicious occasions of the year. It marked the unveiling of our new seal, which was designed by the director of advancement services, Danine Carey,” says Walter L. Strong, vice president for university relations and development.

The Wall of Presidents which features portraits of the university’s past presidents was also unveiled at convocation.

The seal will be used on all official university stationery, diplomas, and certificates. On larger versions of the seal, the university’s goals are inscribed on the pages of “The Book of Knowledge.” The university’s goals are to educate students, provide service to the community, and to help create greater international understanding.
Doctors ... nurses ... CPA's ... engineers ... teachers. Job opportunities for 1988 graduates continue to grow. As the more than 3600 seniors graduate, they are able to earn a greater share of the economic pie for a wider range of fields, especially in liberal arts, nursing, education, and engineering. We're seeing some stabilization in the market, but the prospects are still excellent," says Olga Magnusen, director of the Office of Career Planning and Placement. "This year our office coordinated 197 employer schedules and more than 2,000 students participated in the interviewing process."

The job market is still exceptionally strong for students in accounting, finance, and marketing. According to Magnusen, some employers are starting first-year accountants as high as $25,000. "There are some stabilization in the market, but the job market is still exceptionally strong for students in accounting, finance, and marketing."

One of the consistently lucrative areas for graduates is engineering. According to Engineering and Design Associate Dean Manuel Cerejo, students graduating with bachelor's degrees in engineering can command starting salaries averaging $25,000.

While experiencing a severe shortage and battling for professional recognition, employment opportunities in nursing are plentiful. For every graduating nursing student there is an average of four job opportunities.

The average salary for graduating nursing students runs between $21,000 to $26,000 annually. For those becoming nurse practitioners with advanced skills to prescribe, diagnose, and supervise medical care in collaboration with a physician, the salaries range as high as $38,000 to $42,000.

While today's job trends point to high demand in technological and business fields, education majors are seeing their labors pay off in salaries and job opportunities. "Students who get degrees in elementary education, math, science, history, and English are faring quite well, especially those who are willing to relocate."

As one of the top-rated schools of its kind, the School of Hospitality Management continues to garner national recognition. The New York Times, in an in-depth story about the school, rated it second only to Cornell's more than 60-year-old program. "At the master's degree level we have had students pull down salaries as high as $40,000 to start," says Hospitality Management Professor Michael Kobasky.

"Mathematics continues high interest in graduates. This year 96 employers and more than 1,000 students participated in our annual Career Fair. Last year the numbers were 75 employers and 800 students. We're growing by leaps and bounds as more people learn about the high quality of our programs and graduates."

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Do you hit the beach when you are not in class or do you relax and read a good book at home?

Many students, when they are not studying, pass the time by doing a variety of different activities. Going to the movies, clubbing, dinner, scuba diving, swimming, playing sports, etc. keep students occupied. It is a change of scenery which does not involve textbooks or studying.

A group of students were polled and asked the question, "Where do you hang out?" Here is some of the feedback received from students.

I go camping, boating, and to the Keys. I also enjoy reading. Right now, I am reading "The History of the World". I love to hear Aristotle. My major is English education. I like having fun. I used to play football, but I'm not in anything organized now. When someone wants to play though, I'm there.

Richard Thompson, senior

I play tennis. I usually walk over to the gym to see what they have there. It's kinda hard because right now, it's mid-season and if you want to see somebody practice, there's nobody around. I've tried to use the facilities at the Sunblazer, but I have not been able to. Everytime I go there it's either closing or not opened.

Lupita Quan, junior

I go out with my girlfriend, to the discos, bars, dinner, beach, and hydrosliding. Over the summer I worked; now I study since I don't work anymore.

Jonathan Garcia, sophomore

I go to the beach — nothing out of the ordinary.

Mike Thompson, senior
Enrollment Reaches All-Time High

Florida International University fall semester enrollment has increased 8.2 percent, to 17,624 students. This is the largest number of students enrolled in the history of FIU.

“We are delighted that such a large number of students have selected FIU,” said President Modesto (Mitch) Maidique. “This increase is an indication that FIU is serving the needs of our community. It also underscores the fact that the University’s expansion plans respond to the realities of a rapidly growing community.”

“The increase this fall also surpassed the projected number of students. In the 1987 fall semester, FIU, the largest public university in South Florida, had 16,176 students. Officials had estimated the University would be serving 16,816 students this fall. The actual figure is closer to the 17,657 students expected to attend by fall 1989.

FIU opened its doors in 1972 with 5,667 students. The following year, the number jumped to 8,807, a 55.4 percent increase.

Since then, the number of students has steadily increased an annual average of 6.5 percent, leveling off during the last two years.

This year’s increase is the highest jump since 1983-84, when the enrollment went from 14,540 to 15,875, an increase of 9.18 percent. “A higher enrollment makes us even more aware of our responsibility to achieve excellence,” said Provost Judith Stiehm.
How do you balance school and marriage at the same time? According to Kelly and Dennis Hahs, the task was difficult and took careful juggling of time to complete, yet they seem to have done just fine. They now hold degrees and are ready to go on to bigger and better things.

Six evenings a week for the past two years, the young married couple loaded cleaning supplies into their Buick and headed for two credit unions near Homestead Air Force Base. There they swept, scrubbed and polished until the offices were clean.

“We had to find jobs that did not infringe on our classes or study time,” says Kelly Hahs, 23, a Physical Education major. Her husband majored in Elementary Education.

“Graduates go on to bigger and better things.”
Have you ever wondered where you are going to be ten years from now? Will you be a successful doctor or a millionaire? Will you be happy with the life/career that you are pursuing? Will you have accomplished all of your goals?

These are some of the questions that we ask ourselves time after time. In fact, it's pretty scary sometimes to think about what we will be doing years from now.

Well a group of students were polled to see where they thought or hoped to be ten years from now. Here are some of the replies:

I will be running a consulting firm. Since I'm an MIS major, it fits my work experience and between the two of them and some other objectives I have along the way, I will be ready to run my own business. I want to live comfortably and be able to retire at a young age.

Victor Pitts, junior

Hopefully, if my dream comes true, I will be happily married and I will have four kids and I'll be a lawyer or be teaching law at a law school — that is, if my dreams come true. If they don't come true, I'm gonna be in trouble.

Yvette Adrian, senior

Hopefully I'll be teaching elementary education. I'm already married and hope to have kids when I finish school and get my degree.

Betty Espinoza, junior
U.S. News and World Report named Florida International University one of “America's Best Colleges” in its annual edition rating colleges and universities. Its first year on the list, FIU is ranked 25th among the 399 institutions in the “comprehensive” category.

“We were very pleased to be included ... U.S. News and World Report has added the individual pieces of academic achievements and placed us on the national map,” said President Modesto Maidique.

Each year, the magazine ranks the country's top universities using five categories: national liberal arts, regional liberal arts, comprehensive, and small comprehensive. The comprehensive category includes institutions enrolling no fewer than 2,500 students and awarding more than half of their bachelor's degrees in two or more occupations and professional disciplines, including engineering and business.

National and comprehensive universities' rankings are based on information included in the College Board Annual Survey of Colleges and a poll taken by U.S. News and World Report of college presidents, deans, and admissions directors across the nation.

As a member of the State University System of Florida, FIU is also named in two Barron’s Guides, “The Most Prestigious Colleges” and “The Best, Most Popular and Most Exciting Colleges,” and The New York Times' “Best Buys in College Education.”

With the ocean as a backdrop, FIU North offers many places to study or just relax.
A standing room only crowd of 7,000 rocks and cheers to the sounds of the 50-piece FIU Golden Panther Band, under the direction of John Brick, at a gala Super Bowl pre-game party at Joe Robbie Stadium. The FIU Band serves as the lead band for the event, which also features entertainment by Jimmy Buffett and the Four Tops. All the festivities were recorded live by MTV.

The University Band program was founded in August 1986 by Brick, an assistant professor of Music. The program began with nine people, but within just two years the Symphonic Wind Ensemble grew to 75 members and the Golden Panther Band grew to 50 strong.

“The rapid growth of our band programs is primarily due to a high level of interest from the students to be part of a new, first-class band program,” Brick says.

Members of the University community can enjoy a wide range of music presented at band programs throughout the year. The Golden Panthers perform at many events, including pep rallies, basketball games, Student Government Association activities, and University-wide functions. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble presents several concerts every year of standard wind band compositions, including marches, overtures, and orchestral transcripts. All concerts are free and are presented in the Athenaeum Auditorium (AT100) on the University Park campus.

So come on out and show your pride. Support the band.
To finance the construction of new parking lots and ensure adequate parking facilities at University Park and North Miami Campus, the administration is proposing a substantial increase in parking fees.

The price of decals would be increased from $10.00 to $26.50 for students, and from $15.00 to $37.50 for faculty and staff, with parking in outlying locations priced at $12.50 per year. The price of "A" decals would double, from $50.00 to $100.00. Decals for a second vehicle and replacement decals would be $5.00 for faculty, staff, and students.

The only way we can build parking lots is to generate new revenues to offset the price," says Paul Gallagher, Vice President for Business and Finance. "There is no other available source of revenue."

The new fees were recommended by a special task force to the University's Traffic Advisory Council. Its recommendations are subject to approval of President Malidique. If approved, it would be the first parking fee increase in several years.

The parking shortage has been exacerbated over the past six months by the closure of three lots due to new construction: Engineering, Owa Ehan, and part of the University House visitors lot. The University will need more parking facilities by next fall due to increased enrollment and new construction. The administration is soliciting bids to construct a new 500-spot lot to the north of the new Engineering building and the Chemistry and Physics buildings.

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International students — just who are they? Well, they are students who come from abroad to study in the United States. Some of them come from as far away as Europe, the Orient, the West Indies and the Caribbean Islands, and Pakistan. All have their reasons for choosing to complete their studies in America. Many of them dream of finishing their studies here and then going back to their homeland to apply what knowledge they have learned.

It is not always easy for these students to adapt to our different ways and culture, but they have the motivation to strive for their aspirations and will do anything necessary to accomplish them, even if it means giving it their all.

Below are some replies of international students when asked why they chose to come to school here.

I came from Shanghai to study. I have been here for a year already. I plan on getting my Ph.D. here. There is a high standard of education in China, but I feel I can get a better education here. I have more choices. I may go home when I finish, but it is not likely. I like it here.

Min Chen, graduate student

At first, I went to Barry University then I transferred here when I heard that it was cheaper. I am from Curacao and I am studying psychology. I will get my master's first then go back home. I want to work with kids who have problems.

Jennifer Jones, senior

To be successful in her studies is a lifelong dream of Guadalupe Grisolia, an international student from Panama. Photo by Julie O'Dell.

Say cheese. Sophomore Paul Knight is thrilled to be in Miami. He finds living here exciting as well as interesting.
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College life is different in the sense that one has more responsibilities. Students are responsible for all their actions and have to face whatever consequences arise because of their right or wrong judgments. There is no one watching over them to make sure that they make the right decisions. In any event, students have realized that whoever tells them that going to college is going to be all fun and games is kidding them. One has to motivate oneself and put forth the effort to study in order to accomplish one's goals in life. Opportunities are not going to walk up to you. You have to go out and seek the ample amount of them that are available at your feet.

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The parking lots are always packed with cars and, at times, it can prove a challenge trying to find a parking space. If a student gives up trying to find a parking space within adequate walking distance, he or she ends up with a space at the far end of the lot. Then a long walk is ahead of him or her.

Recently, a group of students were asked for their opinions concerning the present parking situation. It was revealed that all students faced the same problem — that of crammed lots. Students agreed that a solution is needed and gave their suggestions.

Here are some of the replies of students who were asked to speak out about their feelings on the situation. It's terrible! There are never any parking spaces. The parking is good enough for right now, but we need more parking facilities. Get rid of some of the trees and grass. There are too many people and not enough space, I am always late to class because of nowhere to park.

Susan Selles, sophomore

Talia DeMiranda, junior

Manoj Maniyar, senior

Ana Machado

Elizabeth Machado

Timothy Macivor

Jimmie Maestre

Soad Mahgoub

Rosemarie Mahieli

Monica Valerie Malave

Lorraine Maldonado

Holly Manhelm

Jorge Manzull

Francisco Marcolino

Victor Marina

Ana Marlin

Angel Marquez

Rosemarie Marquez

Maria C. Marrero

Cleo Marsh

Stuart Marshall

Todd C. Marshall

Claire Martakis

Irma Martell

Gertrude Martin

Maria Martin

Hector Martinez

Irene Martinez

Victor A. Martinez

Susan Martorella

Isabel M. Mascaro

Larisa Maslykinas

Nina Maslykinas

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Prisca Mavudzi

Doris A. Mayo
Last month, members of the Phi Delta Theta demonstrated their school spirit when they left the marks of the University's athletics mascot around the Sunblazer Arena.

Public relations chairman of the fraternity, Douglas Jeffries, wanted to have Phi Delta Theta paint panther paws along the sidewalks leading to the Sunblazer Arena, home of our Golden Panthers basketball team, to invoke school spirit.

Athletics Director Richard Young and President Mitch Maidique were present for the event.
The library facilities here cater to the needs of all students. Located in the Athenaeum at University Park and in the new library on the NMC, some 750,000 volumes comprise the total collection.

There is a Library User Information Service (LUIS) which aids students doing research. It lists most resources from both campuses. The LUIS enables students to find reference material pertaining to their topic of research quickly and efficiently.

A language lab is on the premises, as well as microforms, newspapers, audiovisual resources, scholarly journals, periodicals, and typewriters, all of which are available for students to use.

When asked for their views on library access, here is how some students answered.

The LUIS system is not helpful in the sense that you cannot find everything you need. When I type in a subject, many times there is no exact match so I have to look at all of the title. But overall, the system is good. The references are adequate and the library assistants are helpful.

Carlos Rodriguez, senior

The computer system does not help me very much. I always end up asking at the reference desk for help. Eventually, I find the books without help. Information should be given on guided tours of the library so students can find books they need on their own and also use the rest of the facilities without any trouble.

Vivian Amor, junior
The Quetzal, one of the world's most beautiful and elusive birds — the national bird of Guatemala, lives in the tropical rainforests of Central America. But as rainforests are cut down, the Quetzal, and thousands of other rare species of plants and animals, face possible extinction.

Dr. Jack Parker, professor of chemistry/environmental science and director of the environmental studies program at Florida International University, has been instrumental in forming Students for the Children's Rainforest Project, an organization of students, teachers, and environmentalists actively involved in educating the community about rainforests and coordinating fundraising efforts for the Children's Rainforest Project in Costa Rica.

Their inaugural program, which will focus on the deforestation of rainforests worldwide and on local and international endeavors to preserve remaining rainforests, will be held on Thursday, March 9, 1989, at 7 p.m. in Athenaean (AT) Auditorium at the University Park campus.

The highlight of the program will be a presentation on the Children's Rainforest by Dr. Sharon Kinsman, professor of tropical ecology at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and founder of the Children's Rainforest Project.

Initiated on Sweden by Dr. Kinsman, the Children's Rainforest Project is an international effort by students and schools to preserve rainforest lands adjacent to the Monteverde Cloud Forest in Costa Rica. Recognized as a unique environment, with more than 490 different species of butterflies and thousands of other plants and animals, including the Quetzal, the lands surrounding the Monteverde Cloud Forest will be designated as the Children's Rainforest.

The Dade County group, according to Dr. Parker, has set a 1989 goal of $50,000 to be raised for the Children's Rainforest Project. Monies will be raised through a series of conservation-oriented programs such as recycling, seedling sales, and school yard plantings of native trees. Schools raising $2,000 or more will have a tract in the Children's Rainforest named after their school. A benefit concert planned for early summer will be part of the community fundraising activities.
Music is a big part of any student’s life. Whether it is rock, country, soul, or pop, it is always there to help students relax when they are angry, stressed out, or just plain tired.

The soothing sounds of our favorite group calmed our nerves and made us less tense. Many students found turning up the volume of their favorite artist to be of some consolation for when they are feeling down. The loud sounds would drown out all of their problems.

As month after month passed, the number one song on the charts changed—so did the taste of some radio listeners. One day it was George Michael, the next day, Madonna. Yet, in the end, all can applaud to the top songs and albums of 1988 as recorded by Billboard magazine.

### TOP TEN POP SINGLES

1. Faith - George Michael
2. Need You Tonight - INXS
3. Got My Mind Set On You - George Harrison
4. Never Gonna Give You Up - Rick Astley
5. Sweet Child O'Mine - Guns N' Roses
6. So Emotional - Whitney Houston
7. Heaven Is A Place On Earth - Belinda Carlisle
8. Could've Been - Tiffany
9. Hands To Heaven - Breathe
10. Roll With It - Steve Winwood

### TOP TEN POP ALBUMS

1. Faith - George Michael
2. Dirty Dancing - Soundtrack
3. Hysteria - Def Leppard
4. Kick - INXS
5. Bad - Michael Jackson
6. Appetite For Destruction - Guns N' Roses
7. Out of the Blue - Debbie Gibson
8. Richard Marx - Richard Marx
9. Tiffany - Tiffany
10. Permanent Vacation - Aerosmith

Music enhances students' lives in many ways.
License Plate Program Begins

How would you like to show your support for our university? Well, interested alumni and friends looking for ways to contribute to the growth of the university are encouraged to participate in the College License Plate Program. The program, initiated by the state legislature in 1987, allows universities in the Florida State University System to sell license plates with their school insignia to interested alumni, friends and supporters.

"It's a great way to promote school spirit and recognition while at the same time bring in needed funds for scholarships and other worthy projects," says President Modesto A. (Mitch) Maidique.

A portion of the proceeds from the license plate charge will be a tax-deductible donation to the FIU Foundation and will be used for scholarships and other university needs.

When a vehicle owner renews a license plate, the initial cost for a collegiate plate is $30 above the regular registration fee. In subsequent years, the cost will be $27 in addition to the registration fee. When a valid license plate is returned and replaced by a collegiate plate, the cost is $36.75. Special personalized plates are available at an extra cost. Plates for the other eight state universities are also available through the Collegiate License Plate Program.

Proceeds will go to scholarships and projects, so show your school spirit.
Do you find living away from home any different as compared to if you did not live at home? Do you have more freedom and responsibilities? Is it a one of a kind experience?

Well here are some of the replies students gave when they were asked this question.

I don't think there is much difference between living at home and on campus, because I still live at home and I don't think I'm missing out on very much.

Jose Abreu, Junior

In terms of freedom, you won't have to answer to anyone when you have been out late all night. You have more responsibilities. I live at home and don't mind. I am used to it. It's only a half an hour away from here. If I wanted to be in any sororities, clubs, etc., I can still join them. Living at home has nothing to do with it.

Maria Diaz, Junior

I used to live in New York, but I moved down here to go to college. I really like it here; it's better than New York. Living with my dad is just like living with a roommate. I have my freedom. I don't know if I'm going back to New York when I'm finished. It depends on what kind of job offers I get here.

Michael Arias, Junior

The added responsibilities that students have as a result of living away from home enable them to tackle any obstacle without a problem.
In order to pay for their education, these students had to work. It was not always easy to balance but somehow it had to be done. Many students have proved to be a success at such an endeavor, but they just have not been noted for their high achievements, until now.

For Daniel Greisel, a twenty-four year old Finance major, work was a principal part of school. Greisel and his cousin, Steve Schwart, another graduate, opened the Hot Doggin about five months ago in the University Shopping Center across from University Park.

"I have always wanted to own my own business," Greisel says as he stands behind the counter of his hot dog eatery. "And I always wanted to get an education—I have done both."

We are able to apply what we learned in class—how to do marketing surveys so we can target our product, figure our overhead and know what our fixed costs are," Greisel says. "The education gave us an advantage in business over people who just strike out without any background."

Congratulations are in order. In spite of the many obstacles that he faced while attending college, graduate Patrick Scott can say that he overcame those obstacles and was able to earn a degree in English.

Entrepreneur on hand. Daniel Greisel is able to give a smile since he successfully opened a business with his cousin. Pretty soon, he'll have a chain of businesses all over the world!
Hey Mister, can you spare a Dime?

The total cost for school tuition, parking decal, books, rent, food, gas, etc. adds up so rapidly, that at a blink of an eye, money disappears.

This is an everyday occurrence in the life of a college student. It goes with being a mature, young adult living on his own.

Did you know that the average cost of:

- Tuition ............... $1200.00
- Books ............... $250.00
- Parking Decal ....... $26.50
- Gas for a week ....... $15.00
- Burger and Fries .... $3.00
- Movie ............... $5.50
- Dinner for two ...... $38.00
- Auto Insurance ...... $1100.00
- T-shirt ............... $8.00
- Album ............... $8.00

You want how much for this book? Students, particularly Freshmen, are often shocked at the high prices of their college textbooks.
Have you ever dreamed of what your perfect date would be like? Whether it's a candlelight dinner or dancing the night away, each person has his own image of what constitutes a perfect date.

Various students were asked what their ideal date would be like. These are the replies that they gave.

My perfect date is a candlelight picnic at the beach eating honey chicken and take-out Chinese food.

Marcia Monserrat, senior

My ideal date will consist of going out in a fast car, like a Porsche. We'll have dinner somewhere off-beat, maybe Chinese food and using chopsticks — something different or off the wall. We'll have it at the airport and watch the planes take off. Then we will walk off dinner at Bayside. If she is not tired, we'll go clubbing or something, then have Italian ice-cream in the Grove. Then we'll call it a night and say goodbye.

Will Braceras, sophomore

An ideal date for me is somebody who is intelligent and sincerely interested in the girl. I hate guys who get on one subject like sports and talk continuously about it. He's gotta have nice eyes, preferably green, but I'm not a stickler on that. For a first date, we'd do something simple like dinner or a movie. I believe in going Dutch. We can even go to the beach or to the events here. I love to go to the six o'clock movie and then to one of the dances. It's great and it won't cost anything.

Yvonne Petit, senior

According to Yvonne Petit, for a date to be perfect, it doesn't have to be something extravagant. Dinner or a movie is fine, just as long as she has fun with her partner.
Students Triumph in Pageants

Two students will be in the limelight when they represent the state of Florida in upcoming national competitions. For Sandra Joanne Frick and Mercedes Rodriguez, participating in statewide contests was an expression of their aspirations and interests. And while the two competitions may differ, both students both realized personal triumphs by capturing first place in their respective events.

In June, Frick became Miss Florida, leading her to compete in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City in September. In May, Rodriguez was named Miss Wheelchair Florida, and next August she will compete in Cincinnati to become Miss Wheelchair America. Rodriguez, a Psychology major entering in her junior year, has been participating in statewide contests was an expression of their feelings, hopes, and fears. We're really just like everybody else. Rodriguez competed against 12 other contestants for the title of Miss Wheelchair Florida. She says the event is an inner beauty achievement competition, which seeks an individual who will act as a national advocate for disabled rights. For the "talent" portion of the competition, she submitted a piece about her work on behalf of The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and in getting kids concerned about the serious dangers of drinking and driving. More than anything else, I want to change people's conception about disabilities. I don't even like that word. In spite of our limitations, we get the job done — sometimes even more so than people without such limitations. We are people with the same feelings, hopes, and fears. We're really just like everybody else.

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Breaking Away

As the year came to a close, many walls were overcome. The Berlin Wall was finally broken down, bringing freedom to West Germany. Racial and political barriers among Americans slowly began to crumble. And last but not least, the wall representing the hardships of college was conquered, bringing freedom to students. Graduates were now able to venture out into the real world, where they undoubtedly will face many more "walls" in their lifetime. Yet with the knowledge and experience they gained in college, they will once again succeed. After all, if they made it this far, there's nothing that can hold 'em back now!

Taking a break. With all the pressure that a typical college day can bring, students have to take advantage of the few rare moments they have to catch up on those precious ZZZ's. Photo by Geoff Bass.

We're outta here! Alan Liebman and John Capobianco lead a pack of ecstatic grads after commencement ceremonies. Photo by Darro Redondo.
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