Florida International University Student Newsletter

Student Governance

—By Jo Ann Nadelman

Since the first gathering of interested students on October 11th, steady, progressive steps have been taken to form a student government. On November 19th, an open meeting was held to interpret the results of the questionnaires sent out, and to form a committee to draft the constitution and governing body.

No final count has yet been reached, but the trend has been a combination of the traditional and townhouse council form of government. Chairwoman of the committee, Diane Haley, says that even though all the questionnaires are not in, the committee has begun “setting up the format for a constitution that will fit (the government), regardless of what kind of government the students actually want.”

This committee has been at work getting the constitution written and feels that it will have a document to present to the student body by January 15th, at which time open hearings will be set up to review and make necessary changes in the basic document. The last step in formation of the constitution will then take place, when the entire student body votes on acceptance of the document.

Also during this time, the committee will be working on an actual form of student government. An open invitation has been presented to all students, from chairwoman Haley: “Any suggestions or ideas that anyone has (about governance or the constitution) are welcomed by the committee.” Ms. Haley can be reached by leaving word at the office of Student Services.

If it seems that “student government” is taking a long time to formulate, (even now, it is only in planning stages), it must be remembered that the recurring theme has been to secure student representation. Setting up the questionnaire, polling, formulating committees, all are slow, often painful steps which must be taken if students are indeed to be presented with a working, complete government; of the students, by the students and for the students.

HELP SAVE A LIFE

—By Robert Storch

Christian Raue, an 11 year old hemophiliac, needs your help. Christian needs to have an operation, but will not be admitted to Jackson Memorial Hospital until 150 pints of blood are made available. So far, the Hemophilia Foundation has donated 50 pints of blood, but 100 more are badly needed. Christian lives with his mother, who is in dire financial difficulty and can not afford to buy the blood.

Mrs. L. Pena, a volunteer for the United Fund, is making a special appeal to the students, faculty, and staff of FIU to donate the blood. Mrs. Pena may be contacted at 856-0606, or you may donate directly by going to the John Elliott Blood Bank located at 1675 N.W. 9th Avenue, or Mt. Sinai Hospital Blood Bank. Please request that the blood go to the account of the Hemophilia Foundation for Christian Raue.

The staff of ACTION urges all members of the FIU community to donate blood for this worthy cause. By giving just a little of yourself, you may save Christian’s life.

winter quarter

—By Sandy Nadelman

Schedules for winter quarter are due “Hope-fully, the latter part of next week...about the 8th of December,” said J. William Savelv of the Registrar’s Office. These schedules will also include information regarding change day.

The tentative date for getting out grades is December 14th. It will take about a week to get them (the grades) processed, key-punched, computerized and mailed, said Savelv. (Cont. on page 6)
EDITORIAL

There has been much talk of the idea that day and night students are entirely different and that the needs and wants of a student in one major are opposite of those in another area.

The validity of this idea is very limited in scope. When a student attends school or what subjects he/she is taking are but minor factors. What is really important is that we are all students of FIU.

Some persons have raised the idea of two separate student governments, newspapers, and activities. We believe this to be a farce.

Until such time as a Florida International Day University and a Florida International Night University are established by the Florida Legislature, we must move forward as one united student body.

Active participation in all facets of the university community by all students must become a reality if FIU is to become the great institution envisioned by many.

Students profess to be the most involved and aware segment of our country in social, cultural, and political activities. Unfortunately, this has not proven to be true at FIU.

We were disappointed at the poor response for the student government questionnaire. A number of student groups are having trouble organizing due to a lack of interest. This student apathy is appalling.

If FIU is to become a university in the true sense, student activities are a vital link. True, it takes time to get involved, but this is time well spent. These are the moments of your college life that will be remembered years later.

We urge all students to get involved. Join an interest group or professional society. Contribute to the literary magazine or write for the newspaper. Try out for an athletic team or simply participate in intramurals.

Apathy is like cancer, if detected early enough and treated it can be stopped. We must act now before it is too late.

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Letter to the Editor:

The people who are part of our university have in their midst a very formidable entity, and it is my opinion that due homage has not been paid. I speak of none other than the Computer (who I have come, affectionately, to call “Arnold”). It is in the hands (or punch cards) of this mastermind to do with us as he sees fit. I know whereof I speak. A few weeks ago, many of us on the first governance committee awaited with bated breath a supply of labels needed desperately for a questionnaire mailing. We asked simply for a list of students who had paid fees. “Arnold” obviously felt that everyone was entitled to answer, not just those who paid fees, so he printed labels for everyone. No one can say he is undemocratic! The hours of endless sorting meant little to our mechanical godfather.

Soon we will once again look to “Arnold,” this time for schedules and grades. It is my sincerest hope that our loveable lunatic will fulfill our humble request, and not instead be in the mood to give us the batting averages of the National League.

A Concerned Student

help!

The ACTION Staff is in need of students who are willing to sell ads. Also needed are writers, typists, copy readers, and an exchange manager.

No experience is needed.

Contact ACTION in the Student Services Office, Room 220.

IS THIS THE DYING OF THE AGE OF AQUARIUS?

By wbs

On the evening of November 7, 1972, George McGovern went to bed thinking he’d lost the presidency; the next morning he woke to know he’d lost it overwhelmingly.

Perhaps the greatest question herin is: what happened to the “youth vote”—the anticipated multitude of 18 to 21 year olds who were SO liberal they had Spiro scared pie-eyed? Were they lulled by the sweet music of our benevolent prez: the end-the-draft, end-the-bussing, end-the-war lullaby with a Dixie mel-o-dee.

Were they put off by the McGovern proclivity toward foot-in-mouth disease? Was it the shock of the Eagleton affair? (Or is that UNfair? )

Is it perhaps a genuine swing to the right—the long-proclaimed rise of the silent majority?

Or is it, sadly, the death-throes of the Age of Aquarius? Has the hell-fire protest that carried “Clean Gene” half-way to the presidency and cast down the tyrant Lyndon degenerated into the Young People for the President? Have the idealists who wanted to change the world with Abbie & Rennie & Jerry & Dave all but disappeared into a cloud of smoke and/or apathy? Have those who worked and lived and cried for Bob Kenedy deserted a semi-sinking ship for the glamorous galleon of GOP?

No one really knows just what the answer is. Perhaps we’d better start making some inquiries, unless, of course, we are even too sunk into our own bottomless pools of oblivion to make even that small effort.

All students working on ACTION may now receive credit for doing so. Arrangements have been made through Dr. Richard Dwyer, Humanities Department Chairman, for those involved to register for ENG 499 winter quarter.

From one to five credits will be awarded depending on the amount of time spent. ENG 499 is an independent study course in English.

Charles Illvento, ACTION Faculty Advisor, said, “Careful evaluation of the student’s efforts will be the basis for our decision. His position need not be a major one, what is accomplished is important.”

Any student interested in becoming a member of the ACTION staff please contact Illvento or any staff member.
MORE YOGURT FOLKS?

—By Bob Barry

Trying to satisfy the needs and wants of a growing University is one thing but trying to satisfy the cravings of university students is an entirely different sandwich.

Yogurt sales in the University Fast Food Shop are a problem for Frank Loeser. Seems that Frank, Campus Food Service Director, can’t keep enough yogurt on hand to satisfy demands.

“I try to listen to as many students as possible to determine taste preference” says Loeser. “What I hope more people would understand is we are not a cafeteria, we have no kitchen facilities, we’re strictly fast food” commented Friendly Frank. In attempting to give as many choices of food as space will allow the shop has begun a daily special featuring cold tap beer and a hot sandwich. In the very near future the food shop, which also has tables, in the lounge will try fried chicken, grilled cheese sandwiches and a New York style hot dog.

Besides offering students a place to meet and eat the Fast Food Shop also employs part-time student help. As a matter of fact Frank is now accepting applications for next quarter for those who like or need bread, (that’s either type) and who have the willingness to work; that, says Frank, is the only experience necessary.

There will be more yogurt in the coming days promises Frank but less pimiento cheese on rye. That’s an example of trying to satisfy cravings; poor Frank ended up eating them himself and he’s not exactly partial to pimiento. The student who suggested the specialty never came back. But keep suggesting; maybe pimiento on whole wheat would be better, Frank!

Q. IS THERE ANY PLACE ON CAMPUS THAT VETERANS CAN FIND OUT ABOUT NEW THINGS OR HAPPENINGS?
A. Yes, there is a tack board in the north hall on the second floor of Primera Casa by Room 210 called VETERANS NEWS. All notices will be posted there. This board is maintained by the Office of Registration and Records, so if you want to post something on it, please check with that Office.

Q. WHAT IF I DROP A CLASS AFTER THE DROP/ADD PERIOD IS OVER?
A. It is up to you to report to the V.A. Representative in Registration and Records if you are not attending class.

Q. IF I RECEIVE A “NC” IN A COURSE, WOULD I HAVE TO REPAY THE V.A. FOR THE COST OF THE COURSE?
A. No, you would not have to repay the V.A.; however, if you are having Academic trouble, you should request tutorial assistance.
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The Health Service is located in room 304 of Primera Casa just east of the elevators. A registered nurse is on duty to provide limited medical care from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

All campus emergencies of any nature should be handled through the clinic during the hours it is open. From 9:00 P.M. in the evening till 8:00 A.M. in the morning, all emergencies on campus should be handled by calling (dial O) or coming to the switchboard office on the 2nd floor of Primera Casa, room 221.

Critical emergencies are referred to the emergency rooms of area hospitals. In the event you may need the services of a Doctor for your personal ongoing medical problems and do not know one, we can refer you to several in Miami.

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More People —By Sandy Nadelman

It looks as if the parking lot will be more crowded next quarter.

As of the November 15th computer run, there were 1123 undergraduate applications with 701 tentatively or fully admitted. For the graduate students, there were 186 applications and 57 of those were admitted.

Mrs. Felice of the Admissions Office said, "There are over 200 applications in addition to the 1123 undergraduate applications which are not on this last computer run."

She added, "...as of this date, there are approximately 1300 applications for January. Keep in mind this is all in addition to the 5667 students presently enrolled."

January will certainly see an increase in the student population. Here's hoping that our parking lot can bear the burden.

Council for Exceptional Children

ORGANIZED!

—By Ronnie Grossman

The first meeting of the Florida International chapter of CEC was Monday, November 27th.

Dr. Mary Croker, faculty adviser gave a brief background of CEC. The organization was formed with the purpose of helping educators of the exceptional children all over the world.

The meeting went on to elect temporary officers, they are as follows:

Temporary Chairman—Debbie Murphy
Temporary Secretary—Linda Harland
Temporary Treasurer—Susan Rickover

Winter Schedules (Cont. from page 1)

Change day has undergone some alterations in format. It will take place Friday, January 5th, and problems will be taken in the following order: those with incomplete schedules, class problems or seat problems are to have first priority. After that, any student with a different problem in his schedule will be taken.

During the final period, 4-8 pm, the following problems will be handled: those who did not pre-register, those who did not confirm registration, those who are new applicants and those who are special students. Those who remember the last change day might just decide to stay home!

A date to note on your calendars is Monday, January 8th, next term's first day of classes.

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The Scene Tonight
It seems a misunderstanding or, better said, incorrect information concerning monies the University was to have received from fines collected for traffic violations on campus has cost the Student Financial Aid Fund. We all remember the safety booklet handed out when we purchased decals necessary to “lawfully” park.

Page one explained how a percentage of the fine for violations would be returned to the financial aid fund for scholarships. Well it just ain’t so. That monster we’ve come to know so well as Metro Dade County gets the money. Rather than go into all the legal mumbo jumbo the administration can’t get straight, suffice it to say the University is not a municipality and, by law, to receive a “kickback” from the fines collected you have to be one.

Paper work is reported before the Board of Regents authorizing our University to issue it’s own citations and handle all funds within it’s own system. That too has problem areas but at least the money adds to the scholarship fund.

There is also the matter of the campus security force writing metro citations. Understanding the danger to us all of the speeder and the individual who can’t understand “STOP,” we appreciate the need for regulations. However while the main purpose of our school “Blue” force is protection of human life we question the use of the only two officers per shift as meter maids. There is always the exception and we appreciate the need for counseling the individual who parks his truck on the grass at the East entrance to “First House.” But there is just too much ground to cover, too many responsibilities for two humans to respond to, if they are to properly do their jobs. Until such time as the Regents act on the University request, we call upon the Administration for moratorium on the issuance of metro citations. The subject of the campus security force has brought about many varied reactions, from the “Armed Camp” panic..... which we consider a bit much for so-called intelligent people...to the “glad you’re here” comment from a house wife student after getting in her car at 11pm.

Security director H. Clark has a sensitive, criticized but very necessary job. The 12 year veteran of law enforcement refers to his staff as “my co-workers” and readily admits requesting metro traffic court to “disqualify” a number of incorrectly written citations. While Mr. Clark and his co-workers continue to have “The Best Interests of the Student” at heart, we will continue to support our security force.

On Campus: Construction workers from that still not ready addition to the campus tried in vain to drink the kegs dry at the Suds opening last week...Dean Clark, Student Services, appears to be the first major dog in the process of bringing the campus to life with student clubs and organizations. She holds the purse strings for the not-fat-but-ample student activity funds and is the knot ever tight...sign on wall of second floor lounge about age for use of game tables was a waste of time, money and tape...You did know about the lounge didn’t you?
trucking along

The winter recess is upon Florida International University students, staff, and faculty and with it brings the yearn to visit families, enjoy a northern winter, or merely to split from the Miami scene for a month. Wherever or why one travels is only complicated by how one chooses to do so.

For the more affluent people, conventional transportation is in order. All that is needed is a telephone for reservations and the money to pay for such a luxury. Every hour jets, and helicopters leave Miami International Airport and the municipal airports of the surrounding area.

Seaboard Coast Lines is the only passenger railway system leaving Miami. Two trains leave daily for New York and there is one daily route to Chicago with interim stops.

The new Amtrack service is designed to make rail travel more comfortable and luxurious. Trailway and Greyhound Bus Lines have a full daily schedule of transportation to points throughout the North American Continent. Naturally, this is slower than the previously mentioned means, but at the same time far less expensive and enables a passenger to reach more remote points.

If island hopping or a relaxing cruise is desired, Dodge Island in Downtown Miami at the Bay has a complete international fleet departing daily for all over the World.

For most FIU students these types of travel are not likely since budgets barely make school and living expenses. The classified sections of the two major newspapers and the smaller underground and local area papers supply “Auto Delivery” columns. These are agencies who need drivers 21 years or older to drive commercial and private vehicles to all points North or South. Depending on the specifics of each contract the deposit it required by the driver is from $50. to $100. Under some conditions which the agencies keep confidential until the contract signing time, gas and oil is paid by the owner of the car. The biggest drawback is that the prospective driver has to call the agency daily until a trip is available to the desired location, and the vehicles are always in good mechanical order and fully insured. These agencies are also listed in the yellow pages.

Also listed in the classified sections of newspapers is a column “Travel Opportunities.”

People who already have a car, but would like to share expenses or who just desire company while driving, place ads for riders. By the same token a person needing a ride could place an ad to that effect.

If no funds are available to travel, but the desire is there, try your hand at hitch-hiking. The American motorist does give rides, and generally will be helpful and may even offer a meal. For this, all you need is a map and they’re supplied free at any gas station.

Car pools originating and organized from the second floor bulletin board of the Primera Casa is possibly the most convenient and potentially enjoyable way to arrange rides. Whether a ride is needed or a passenger is sought the campus should be the first place to look. Many universities supply a specific section and map for the organization of such transportation arrangements.

If the recess is to be spent roaming the country take advantage of American Express and general delivery postal service. If you know what city or town you will next pass through put that as your general delivery return address or give the nearest American Express office.

Whatever plans you would like to make for the holiday in terms of travel don’t let money be the reason to stop them. Change your plans to meet your pocketbook.—Helen Mannion

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INTRAMURAL SPORTS

—By Greg Perry

The rough and devastating intramural football season came to an exciting close when the Scrappers defeated the All Stars 25-6 in Thursday’s first-annual intramural all-star game.

Practices were held for over a week to allow the All Stars to get used to their teammates. The team was composed of members of the second place Tursairs and third place Out-of-Towners.

The season’s final standings were:

Scrappers 5-0-0

Tursairs 4-5-0

Out-of-Towners 2-5-0

Coach Bob Delgado reminds interested students and faculty that basketball, table tennis, and advanced basket weaving will be offered winter quarter. Contact Delgado for more information.