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Primera Casa Bomb Threat

By Scott JAY
Florida International University experienced its first bomb threat at 6:01 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18, 1973. An unidentified person phoned FIU and threatened that Primera Casa would blow up, said Elizabeth Mason, the night switchboard operator. He said, "Something will blow up in the first house between now and 9:30 tonight."

"I tried to get him to repeat it, he just laughed and hung up," said Mrs. Mason. At the same time she notified campus security. She knew, he seemed to be a self-spoken Latin American.

After receiving notification, Chief Harcourt Clarke immediately conferred with President Perry who ordered that classes be cancelled for the evening and the building evacuated.

"We can't take a chance. Nine out of ten times nothing happens, but we can't afford to risk somebody getting hurt," said Perry.

"If the campus was under turmoil, the situation would be different," added Perry, "but all types of nuts running around."

Clarke and the Administrative Body decided against using the school's emergency warning system due to the unfamiliarity of it by everybody.

Dean Glenn Goerke said, "We do have an emergency system--sort of like a gong. However, we thought it might cause more confusion. We decided it would be more advantageous to personally notify everybody."

Perry directed all operations during the time period of the warning. He did not allow any persons to enter the building until after 9:45, fifteen minutes after the allotted time.

At that time the campus security force searched the entire building. Nothing was found. Personal belongings left in the building were secured.

During the evening, classes went on as usual in Deuxieme Maison, with only a little interruption.

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It is hoped that better understanding between the people of North and South America can be achieved through open exchange of ideas.

Operation Amigo was started by The Miami Herald as a pilot program to facilitate a better understanding between North American and Latin American student leaders. The Arkansas project is a private program in which responsibilities are limited to Social Work majors.

The Student Social Workers' Association of FIU participated in their first part of the recent quarter break. On December 23, 1972, the Association added the Puerto Rican Democratic Organization with a Christmas party for thirty needy families (including 18 children) in the Miami area.

Baskets of food were prepared by the Ladies Committee of the Puerto Rican Democratic Organization, and the SSWA donated gifts, food for the party and helped in organizing games for the children. The party was an instant success when Greg Kingsley, dressed as Santa Claus, made his appearance.

Also participating from SSWA were Ellen Boxer, Rema Clarke and the Administrative Maison, with only a little interruption.

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Money — It Goes Without Saying

Dean of Students Sandra Clark repeatedly stated during the first quarter that no student funds would be expended until such time that an official student government existed. Therefore, in order to have the power to distribute all student funds.

Why is it that during the final week of fall quarter Dean Clark reversed her stand and gave blanket authority for allocations to the twelve students serving on the student government committee whose sole purpose was to write a constitution?

While we might have applauded this position at a more appropriate time, we do not feel that these funds should have been distributed during the break. Furthermore, why is it that only four of the twelve members have any say as to the distribution of funds?

Although the committee has wisely shied away from allocating funds, why is it that they did approve a budget of $500 for themselves and $200 for the literary magazine? Wouldn’t it have been better to wait just a couple more weeks when classes once again began?

To our way of thinking, all student groups should have an equal opportunity to receive these monies and none should have been distributed until all were notified.

Come to think of it, it seems as if many still have not been notified. Why not?

Read the Constitution

Many weeks have passed since ACTION’s inception and its reporting on the formation of a student government committee. ACTION has since prospered despite many obstacles in our way. Student government has not been quite so fortunate.

Long and drawn out meetings discouraged many of the original members to lose interest in the committee. Finally, a new committee was formed to evaluate the results of answers to a questionnaire the first had sent out. They in turn were supposed to write a constitution to be presented to the student body for approval within the first week of winter quarter.

Needless to say, the deadline was not met. Words has it however, that this will soon be forthcoming. We, at ACTION, are not particularly proud of the constitution’s present form and wish to encourage you to take a closer look at it.

Take time to read and study it. When the committee holds public hearings as to how this document should be changed, voice your opinion. Don’t wait for the balлотing to find out what the average person simply are too vague or misleading. Then it’s too late.

Take an active part in the formation of your student government. Remember, actions speak louder than words.

We Need — You Have

On December 10, 1973, the Student Government Committee unanimously voted to recommend to Dean Clark “that the literary magazine and the newspaper be held public hearings as to how this document should be until the formal student government is established.”

Clark “that the literary magazine and the newspaper be presented to the student body for approval within the first week of winter quarter.”

We realize that space is at a premium at FIU, so why aren’t these opportunities taken advantage of? We don’t feel we deserve ample cooperation from Student Services. They claim that proper space is not available, and this reporting on the formation of a student government committee. ACTION has since prospered despite its reporting on the formation of a student government committee. ACTION has since prospered despite.

On January 18, Florida International University was faced with its first emergency situation since classes began. The powers to be decided against using the unpublicized evacuation warning system, since very few people know about it.

This was a wise decision in this case. Primera Casa was evacuated in “an extremely orderly manner in just under 20 minutes” said one campus security officer.

Are the emergency had because there were at least 20 minutes couldn’t have been afforded? Since we do have an emergency system, why aren’t people notified about it?

The first procedure of a cruise ship is to show passageways where lifejackets and rafts are located. On a plane, emergency chutes, air masks, and other procedures are carefully explained. Why hasn’t FIU notified everyone of emergency procedures.

We can all surely remember fire drills from earlier years. Action would like to commend Dean of Students Sandra Clark repeatedly stated during the first quarter that no student funds would be expended until such time that an official student government is established.

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Well Done CSD

Too often in today’s society policemen are the brunt of much criticism and abuse. Anything done wrong is loudly publicized and little is ever heard regarding their accomplishments.

This past week when FIU faced its first emergency situation, The Campus Safety Department (CSD) spearheaded a complete and efficient evacuation of Primera Casa in less than 20 minutes.

Fearing confusion if the emergency alarm system was used, CSD along with administrators personally spread the alarm. For some of the force, it was the first test of what they learned during their recent attendance at the police academy.

ACTION would like to take this opportunity to commend Chief Harcourt Clarke and his entire force for a job well done.

Letter to the Editor:

THERE IS A LIMIT

There is a limit to everything—including Education 311, which seems to be the talk around the tables. Students are now in combined classes ranging from 311 group. Not to mention the four unoccupied rooms on six trailers have been sitting completely empty since the fifth floor. We won’t begin to bore you the news that expended until such time that an official student government is established.

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NAME WITHHELD

VETS CORNER

Those Veterans who have not returned their Veterans Administration Request Card have only one more week in which to do so. Please do not forget your check could possibly be stopped!

For Veterans who are interested in taking a course as a VET or those who are seeking additional help, please stop by and Leonard Bryant in Student Services.

There are approximately 750 Veterans on the FIU cam­pus...don’t you think it’s about time you had a meeting?

Vets transferring to FIU this quarter must secure a new certificate of eligibility.

1973

By Helen Mannion

This first month of the New Year of 1973 and war rages on; peace volleyed about a tense centered room in a Persian suburb; a young Black man confused and desperate reflects and on how he randomly revenged in the streets of New Orleans; and most of America is transfixed to the song of nothingness.

The people who burned, shouted and marched failed to answer the question or solve the problems. The political con­quest of America and the Vietnam war has fa­riously and today a Congress who won’t tell Dick—STOP! Father, have pity upon me!

There is nothing here to satisfy me!

(Arapaho Ghost Dance Song)

WALKATHON

The third annual March of Dimes Walkathon will be held Saturday, January 24. The 30 mile hike will originate outside the Orange Bowl. This year there will be buses to help those who cannot walk. Both walkers and other helpers are needed and adults as well as some of the younger set are encouraged to participate. A check is requested.

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...The staff of ACTION takes pride in presenting our third issue to you. We started as a mimeographed newsletter and have grown to our current status as a newspaper printed by Wellington Offset Presses.

...It takes a lot of work and time price. We would like to let you know that we could not have accomplished what we have without the help of many people. We are numerous to mention. We greatly appreciate this help and wish to say thank you.

...We also want to extend this opportunity to extend an in­vitation to all members of the university community to become a part of ACTION. All staff members of ACTION are volunteer, but the reward of a sense of accomplishment is long lasting.

...No previous experience is necessary. We welcome volun­teers in all phases of our operation. Salespersons, typists, writers, artists...everybody is welcome. Be a part of a growing thing, Join ACTION.
Round Campus

with bob barry

There is a certain type of person who shows up in every society, it didn’t take long for him to surface in our University community. He’s the guy with the slick slogans, riots, protests, demonstrations, confrontations, and other mob temper tantrums, like bomb threats. This creep is intellectually incapable of working within the system can usually be found chanting the same thing like a zombie because he hasn’t the capacity for verbalizing thought.

Well, there is a message to the pathetic sob who cleared the University classrooms last Thursday night with a bomb threat...and it came from three female live in the society...contributing to its elevation and not eyed mobs, or making bomb threats will continue to live in the society...contributing to its elevation and not its destruction.

Campus Security Chief Clark is a bit miffed by the...."lackadaisical at­itude of some people on campus to security." The amiable top cop would like to remind people to lock their car doors and not to leave valuables in view to tempt those inclined to collect that which is not their own...we’re writing on the subject...hats off to the University’s Sgt. Bill Ball who apprehended four guys in a stolen car in one of the campus parking lots...turns out all were wanted elsewhere for violations.

Donald Smading, top administrator for the Financial Aid Department would like to remind those students who, signed for short term loans now due, to start paying back...other students need the help. Bet you’d never guess the figure for the whole financial aid program...$300,000.

We thought we had wandered upon a club meeting...at 8 a.m.?...well it’s probably that goofy computer again, you know 99 people for one class is a bit much. The prof said something about the purpose of the University is to cater to the needs of the students ...true enough...more students...more in­tstructors and please less classes with wall to wall people.

Congratulations to Dr. Janet Parker, Psych Department, delivered a baby girl January 3...must tell you, however, prof made some of us very nervous last quarter whenever you sneezed.

New courses — "Contemporary Woman" is wide open...if you want to visit the class...M-R-PC 326-8 a.m. worth your time, also "Begin­ning Russian" open to all...hours not assigned yet contact modern language dept. at ex. 2220.

One of the by-products of military service is showing up on campus in abundtant numbers...one out of every six students is a veteran...After all the clever thought that went into naming the first two University buildings with a flair for the international the people housed in them call them PC and DM...next one may be more difficult...how can you name a place with a rathskeller Drei Haus...see you round campus.

The official FIU “Change Day,” subject of much conversation last September, appears to have passed without incident this month.

To the joy of administrators, professors, and students alike, “Change Day” accomplished its task with a minimum of problems.

Probably the best indicator of the day’s success was the lack of student participation. Many students in­terviewed by ACTION did not even know the meaning of “Change Day.”

J. William Savely, Director of Registrations, explained, “One of the main reasons for Change Day going so smoothly was the excellent cooperation of the faculty. Never, in my experience, have I seen so many turn out to assist at a similar function.”

Mr. Savely added that his staff processed between 1500-2000 students and handled nearly 2000 cards.

He said that some changes had been made in computer logic. “This, combined with preemptive work time con­ siderations, was a major factor in giving students a complete schedule. This made changes unnecessary for most.”

Mr. Savely went on to explain that more refinements in traffic patterns should make next “Change Day” even better.

He also added that pre­registration will start sometime between the 1st and 20th of February depending on the availability of schedules for the various classes.

He summed up the philosophy of his office, by stating “If there’s anything we’ve not bound by it’s tradition. We’re open to change and welcome suggestions.”

Professors and students agreed that the day was successful.

Professor George Corrado of the School of Hotel, Food, and Travel Services said, “Change Day seems to have gone well for all concerned. I spent more time in counseling new majors than I did in solving scheduling problems.”

Charles Fritz, an Accounting Major, had this to say: “I participated in the first ‘Change Day’ so I was a little worried when I saw the people lined up at noon to get into the Youth Fair Building. However, things went very well. Everything seemed to be organized with plenty of people to help.

After attending Florida State University, there is no pre­registration, I’m impressed by how easy this procedure is.”

Other students interviewed agreed with Fritz.

A Liberal Studies Major commented that he had little trouble getting what he wanted changed.

An English Education Major pointed out that due to a human error her class was not closed out until it had 180 students. She had high praise for the other aspects of the day.

A Hotel Major pointed out that he was most impressed by the lack of “oops” signs on the classroom doors. He felt that the computer had really done its job well.

Perhaps the best indication of the job done by automation can be gotten from John Palumbo. John is a Travel and Tourism Major.

“The schedule I received in the mail is the schedule which I’m using.”

Couches at FIU are useful for catching 40 winks between classes as this unidentified student demonstrates.

Entertainment

When Hair Came to FIU

By WBS

It is only fitting that AC­tion’s inaugural film review should be not of a feature film, but of an extraordinary cinematic experience that is available to you here on the FIU campus.

It’s When HAIR came to Memphis, and it is some film. WECTM arrived at FIU long before the students did, and, at that time Dave Wilson, the generous and gregarious head of our Media Center, allowed some FIUers a preview. He’s still there, it’s still there, you have only to ask.

Since its arrival, it has been shown and reshown, and reseen. The impact never lessens.

Granted, HAIR is an ex­traordinary experience. It’s unlikely that anyone who has seen it will ever be quite the same again. Rado, Rags, and Mc­Dermot, its creators, did the utterly impossible. They epitomized an entire generation in a single “American-tribal­love-rock-musical.”

And When HAIR came to Memphis is equally unique. A film about a play, it catches perfectly what it is—or, was—to be caught up in the phenomenon that is HAIR.

Go see it; whether or not you’ve seen HAIR, even if you’ve never even heard the record(s). This humble reviewer can guarantee that—like the original— it’ll make you a believer for life. Be you a rock run, film buff, ardent theatre­goer, head, hardhat, didgital or sophisticate, GO! It’s what the old theatre pro used to call “drama for discussion” com­bined with a very big slice of “Eyewitness to History.” See it and “Let the sunshine in!”

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Cover by John Nicholas

Jed's Latte

Joan's Corner
Charles Perry: THE MAN

By HELEN MANNON

Chuck Perry was a thirty year old administrator at Bowling Green State University in Kentucky when he met Claude Kirk, who at the time was governor of Florida. Kirk, far less than a champion of progressive or liberal education policies, befriended Chuck and offered him a position as the State Assistant to the Governor for Educational Affairs. This assignment occurred during the now famous state-wide classroom teacher walkout and general strike. The governor's conservative policy was slashed about, but his top administrator in this area, Chuck Perry survived any criticism; he emerged a winner. Perry handled the pressure well; the man simply kept his cool. Perry's success in this conflict led to Kirk's decision to nominate this young man from West Virginia to the position of Vice-Chancellor of the State University System. This giant step in public service took Perry a mere year; smiling all the way.

By 1967 Kirk, a Republican, nominated Perry to yet another conservative arm of the Florida hierarchy, the State Board of Regents. This time at bat Chuck Perry was in line for the presidency of the prospective state university slated for the Greater Miami area. Perry by this time was thirty-two, innovative and progressive in his educational philosophy, and unlike most university presidents he was not a recipient of a Doctorate of Philosophy. This nomination somehow seemed incongruent to the political doctrines of the governor; nevertheless Perry Was Kirk's choice and subsequently chosen by the Board of Regents for the job.

Little publicity and fanfare greeted Perry to the seemingly impossible task of building a major international university. With the aid of two ad­ministrators Chuck Perry, based at the old Tamiami International Airport control tower, began to work and climb to this enormous task. The greatest challenge was the materialization of the philosophy to return this university to the service concept as instituted by the old land grant institutions.

September 1972 brought some five thousand students to this new university and they were the first people to benefit and realize the master plan Perry and his staff have promised the academic world. The primary function of this university is the pledge of the quality of the students' education. This is to be the ul­most concern of the faculty and administrators. Secondly, this university will be of service to the community and finally, to take an international standing. With these noble promises Chuck Perry is aware that this system must never lose sight of the goals set forth for Florida International University. Perry explains, “A univer­sity must complement the society in which it survives.”

Student unrest and disen­chantment is always a concern of a university president in light of the ever changing political and social world. This person must be aware of problems and be able to predict solutions prior to the actuality if this person is to cope with a tense and volatile situation successfully. President Perry professes a Martin Luther King attitude of non-violence, discussion, debate and argument. This opinion on student unrest includes that the student has no right to demon­strate to the point of violence. “The day of violence at Kent State was the day the fire cracker was set off a few days prior to the first gun shot,” explained Perry. Perry does not feel FIU will ever have a wide spectrum of conflict such as the cases with other institutions, mainly because of the absence of on-campus residence and the nature and average older age of the student enrollment.

Chuck Perry believes in high quality academic progress which in turn is the basis for all else to flow. He reasons, “The key to a university is the student-and the institution must never lose sight of this.”

Since the actual operation of FIU, President Perry has asked his academic staff to bear with the overload of work which is accompanying the birth of this university. A man who practices what he preaches, Perry with all of his other responsibilities taught a course in Education the Spring quarter and a UNESCO project will keep the president’s extra-curricular activities full this session.

It is anticipated that by 1980 FIU will have an enrollment of 25,000 students throughout all of the proposed campuses. Perry predicts a “happy state of competition” between the universities of our statewide sup system when FIU reaches maturity.
Mental Illness

Crisis Center Here to Help

Every year mental illness, which attacks one out of ten Americans, hospitalizes more people than are hospitalized by all other sicknesses in our country. In order to provide services for people suffering from it, we spend some $1.8 billion of our tax money annually.

In his Special Message to the Congress on Mental Illness and Mental Retardation delivered February 5, 1963, President Kennedy described these conditions as “among our most critical health problems.”

They occur more frequently,” said the President, “affect more people, require more prolonged treatment, cause more suffering by the families of the afflicted, waste more of our human resources and constitute more financial drain upon both the public treasury and the personal finances of the individual families than any other single condition.”

Mental Illness is a cruel illness that can disrupt a person’s ability to function so that he cannot cope with life; distort his personality so that he appears to be someone else; destroy his peace of mind so that life becomes agonizing; confound the victim and his family so that they are unable to understand what is happening; frighten them so that each moment becomes black with foreboding and fill them with dread so that they may try to hush up the problem and avoid seeking help.

Mental illness contributes to such physical conditions as ulcers, high blood pressure, stroke, heart attack, sexual impotence, gastrointestinal disease, skin disease, headache and tiredness. It plays a part in over half of all physical illness.

Moreover, it is a factor in alcoholism and can lead to suicide. It is also an important factor in the social evils that beset our country and mankind.

It strikes rich and poor, children and adults, white and black, men and women, high school dropout and college graduates. No group is immune to its ravages.

President Kennedy called “for a great national effort against mental illness.”

It may be asked what is being done here in Dade County in our part of the growing national campaign against mental illness. While our county’s resources for helping the mentally ill and their families are far less than adequate, we do have some facilities. An important part of our community’s resources is the Mental Health Association of Dade County. This non-profit, non-sectarian, voluntary agency is a Chapter of the National Association for Mental Health.

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The personal Crisis Service is an emergency phone service offering immediate assistance to people with emotional problems. The number to call in time of emotional crisis is 379-3642. The Phoenix Club is a social rehabilitation club that is sponsored by the Association for those with emotional problems that are social handicaps.

Dr. Marvin Dunn is a member of the Board of Directors of the Dade Chapter and is Chairman of its Committee on Education. He is also a professor of psychology here at FIU.

Dr. Dunn has stated that “Much of the emotional stress and strain to which people are subjected exists as a result of pressures induced by elements of the society itself and to that extent may be more difficult for the individual to handle.”

If you feel the Association can help you or someone you know or if you want to be a member, do volunteer work or contribute money you may call 379-3642.

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For Florida International University, it will mark the debut of the first-year baseball team. Coach Tom Wonderling, the new field boss stated, "we have been extremely pleased and happy with the attitude and moral of the players." The squad has exhibited a great deal of self-confidence and enthusiasm since we started our program last fall. "This enthusiasm has been a contagious thing and carried over into our spring practice," Wonderling continued. "Everyone is anxious to get under actual fire and see just how well we can do under game conditions."

"We were pleased with the progress we have made, but we still have a lot of work to do before our season gets underway." "We firmly believe that you can't be too prepared and we want to be as well prepared as we can when our season opens against Florida State University, Saturday, February 17.

GOLF

FIU's first Intercollegiate Golf team started practice last week. Coach Perry was pleased with the apparent ability of the players and stated we could expect a good team. Qualifying rounds are being played at this time on Palmetto Golf Course. The team will also practice at the LeJeune, Miami Springs and Miami Lakes Courses.

Members of the team are all Juniors: Joe Cianflone, Gary Dattola, Jay Rickles, Dale Stegner, Scott Stewart, Clifford Stratton, Larry Von Stein and Tom Wells. The schedule in­cludes both team matches and tournaments and will be announced in the near future.

Dr. Paul Hartman, chairman of the Physical Education Dept. and coach of the FIU Lacrosse team explains some plays to the team. (Photo by Jack Selderman)

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