Primera Casa Bomb Threat

By SCOTT JAY

Florida International University experienced its first bomb threat at 6:00 p.m., Thurs. 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 added, "It 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 gang. 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 alotted 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.

Student Social Workers Meet Over Break

The Student Social Workers' Association of FIU participated in their first post-quarter break meeting on December 23, 1972. The Association added the Puerto Rican Democratic Organization with a Christmas party for thirty needy families (including 105 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, Romi Haglund, Haydee Miranda, Sherrie Speser, Joyce Malkin, Sylvia Sickels and Debbie Zeger.

The Student Social Workers' Association had their first meeting during the Fall Quarter and will be getting into full swing during the Winter Quarter. Membership is open to everyone interested, but voting memberships are limited to Social Work majors.

The selection committee consisting of twelve students and four faculty members will select the final choices after ideas have been submitted. The deadline for suggestions is February 9, and the nickname of "Dolphins" is already taken by Jacksonville University.

XMAS IN FEB.

Students of Florida International University and Miami Dade Junior college are attempting to help reestablish some of the happiness that was lost to the children of Managua, Nicaragua before Christmas.

They are doing this by sending much needed small items that are readily available here, but virtually nonexistent abroad.

Collection centers will be set up both here and at Dade between January 25 and February 9.

Volunteers are needed for collecting, wrapping and transporting everything to the airlines which will transport the gifts free.

Anyone interested or having questions should direct them to Student Services office, PC 220, Ext. 2301.

In their effort to help, Miami Dade South Campus students are conducting a dance with all profits to be used to buy things that are needed the most. Students will be taking suggestions of what will be collected. There will be free refreshments which have been donated by Dade Student Services. Choice and free pizza will be included which has donated it's services for the cause. Donations will begin at $1.00. The dance will take place on January 30, Friday, at 7:30 in the Student Lounge. All are welcome.
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 was organized. They, in turn, plan 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 student groups 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 governance committee. ACTION has since prospered despite many obstacles in our way. Student governance has not been so quite 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. Word 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 close look at it.

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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. 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 eighty to one hundred students, with aides as well as the teacher. For this we will receive (with luck) five hours credit. But...we must work more than we bargained for.

It seems that we are expected to attend two class meetings a week—plus put in an additional two and one half hours as a “group.” Some teachers allow one to pick their own groups and times to meet, others assign them.

Some teachers have decided to cut their classes to one a week and let the other class meet be open for group planning. But then again, other teachers disagree. The main problem seems to be the computer. It seems that last semester the computer kept getting mixed up and did not know the difference between regular class time and individual group study time. So, in order not to “confuse” this delicate machine again, students are required to put in the additional hours.

There is a limit to the time that the student can put into one class. Many students are working and/raising families. It is unfair to put in seven hours work and get only one hour of credit. This is as ridiculous as a classroom only put in “x” amount of hours, so should it be with the students. In order for most to do a good job we must have time to breath. We like to feel that we are accomplishing something rather than just getting out from under the burden of it. Students carrying full loads must be given something rather than just getting out from under the load. They’ve got to at least try to get something accomplished, which is why we do these things.

We greatly appreciate your help and wish to say thank you for the help you have given us.

We also want to extend this opportunity to extend an invitation to all students interested in the university community to become a part of ACTION. All staff positions are open. While the reward of a sense of accomplishment is long overdue, we believe that the reward is not limited to the student body. Maybe if the professors realize that we only have so much time to contribute to getting our education they will realize that Education 311 is asking too much of the average student. After all...there is a limit!!

NAME WITHHELD

Emergency

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 emergency 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.

According to the emergency handbook, the emergency system 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 passengers 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. Why doesn’t ACTION do something fair because this extreme is necessary, however, publicity is a definite need. We encourage the administration to take the necessary steps.

VETS CORNER

Those Veterans who have not returned their Veterans Ad­ministration Certificate or 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 might be interested in the Veterans’ Assistance Program, or those who are seeking add­itional help, please stop by 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, the month of the New Year of 1973 and war rages on; peace volleyed about a tense center court on the tennis courts of a Pareisan suburb; a young Black man confused and desperate reflected in the bay and suddenly he randomly revenged in the streets of New Orleans; and most of America via the radio on to the song of nothingness.

The people who burned, shouted and marched failed to answer the questions or solve the problems. The political con­flict between the Sellers and the Sellers, far­sically and today a Congress who won’t tell Dick—STOP!

Father, have pity upon me!

...emancipating from hunger of the spirit.

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 20 mile hike will commence in front of the Orange Bowl. This year there will be busses to help those who cannot make the hike. There will be walkers and other helpers are needed and adults as well as children are wanted. Anyone who is interested may obtain material and information in Student Services office or call 460-1232.

...The staff of ACTION takes pride in presenting our third Walkathon. We, as a mimeographed newsletter and have grown to our current status as a newspaper printed by Web offset presses.

...It takes a lot of work and time people who have given us our third one could not have accomplished what we have without the help of many people...It is to the numerical to mention. We greatly appreciate this help and wish to say thank you.

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...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 cretin is intellectually incapable of working within the system can usually be found ranting the same thing like a zombie because he hasn't the capacity for verbalizing thought.

Well, there is a message to the pathetic slob who cleared the University classrooms last Thursday night with a bomb threat...and it came from three female students on their way to the parking lot..."see you tomorrow night, Maria." That's it. buddy...those of us you'll never find throwing rocks, or ranting with wild 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 attitude 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 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 instructors and please less classes with wall to wall people.

Congratulations to Dr. Janet Parker, Psychiat Department...delivered a baby girl January 3...must tell you, however, prof you 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 abountudant 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.

Change Day

By EDMUND BIRNBREYER

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 Savelly, 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. Savelly added that his staff processed between 1500-2000 students and handled nearly 3000 cards.

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

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

He also added that pre-registration 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're 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 Corrada 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, where there is no pre-registration, I'm impressed by how easy this procedure is."

Other students interviewed agreed with Fritz.

An English Education Major pointed out that due to a human error her class was not closed out until it had 186 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 "coping" 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 had received in the mail is the schedule which I'm using."
Charles Perry: THE MAN

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 smashed 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 naming 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; smilling 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 last 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 petted 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 premises Chuck Perry is aware that this system must never lose sight of the goals set forth for Florida Inter­national University. President 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 actually 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 the same type of content such as the cases with other institutions, mainly because of the academic 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 Fall quarter. He will do the same in 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 20,000 students throughout all of the proposed campuses. Perry predicts a "happy state of competition" between the universities of our statewide supersystem 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; disturb 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 as happening; frighten them so that their victim and his family so that they are subjected 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 Mental Health Association of America. Mrs. Ann Cordray is the executive director.

Among the services of the Dade Chapter are the Personal Crisis Service and the Phoenix Club. 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 379-3611. 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 379-3612.

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FLORIDA"
SPORTS SCENE

with
debbie goldstein

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 morale 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 under way. "We firmly believe that you can't be too prepared and 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 anxiety at 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 Rickies, Dale Stegner, Scott Stewart, Clifford Straton, 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)