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Florida International University President, Charles Perry, met with interested students during two rap sessions on Feb. 21. The sessions, held at noon and again at 5:15, gave students an opportunity to question Perry on any topic.

Over 160 participants took part in the sessions, and many expressed a desire to see this as the first of a continuing series. Perry said that he would be happy to comply if enough students were interested.

Questions were raised on many topics ranging from class scheduling to future planning and relations. The issue of teaching ethnic studies programs was also raised.

In regard to the alarm system Perry said that his staff is currently in the process of informing the faculty of emergency procedures. When this is accomplished, students will then be notified.

The question of longer library hours was raised and Perry answered that he felt that FIU’s hours were comparable to any other state school. When further asked about weekend hours, Perry replied that he felt that students would not use the library even if it was open longer hours.

As these were the first rap sessions Perry said that he had no idea as to how they would be received by students. He said that to promise immediate changes would be impossible. He added that he could not even promise that he would personally solve each problem, but rather that he would see that they were referred to the proper person.

In his opening words to the group of students who met with Perry at 5:15, he said that he feels that the rap sessions will bring about results.

“The success of this type of dialogue depends upon the results. We are already reviewing questions raised this morning,” said Perry.
President Perry at his “Rap Sessions” with University students said he hopes the University will be “big enough, bold enough and honest enough to do what we’re saying.”

One thing for sure, someone was bold enough when they instructed the Campus Security Department to block off the center parking area for VIP’s and this was a special preview of the campus production “The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail.” We didn’t hear any complaints of the special showing but from the parking lot came some unhappy students. Sample of the hassle, “What do you mean reserved? I paid for a sticker and now I have to park in the east forty.” Or how about the comment from a student load of Dade County teachers coming to class, “You are lucky we can walk like I do?” Of course many will have difficulty justifying the complaints, but if they keep in mind that student enrollment showed, during last quarter that there were more students on campus at 8:30 p.m. than at any other time block, they may see the connection.

Point of information: we don’t think it has been made very clear to the student body. Our Campus Safety Department is authorized by the Florida State Legislature as a special state police organization. They have all graduated from accredited police academy’s and have full arrest powers. They are authorized to carry arms and issue citations. They are here for the student’s safety and to secure the campus properties. They wear blue uniforms and “measured out their lives with coffee spoons”; they are “formulated,” “sprawling on a pin,” and once pinned, “wriggling on the wall.”

With all the planning going on in the county offices to get safer roads, it’s dangerous game of chicken to hit him with a surprise card. ACTION, check the schedule and venture out to the field and give a look see; I’ll see you Round Campus.

Student organizations that are active can begin receiving money, from the Student Services Department if they are recommended by the Student Gover­nance Committee. Counselor Len Bryant had a birthday and no one seemed to care till his co-workers hit him with a surprise card.

The University Lacrosse team is very exciting to watch in ACTION, check the schedule and venture out to the field and give a look see; I’ll see you Round Campus.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Attention Education Department! You’re making a big mistake! The mistake is having an excellent teacher serve the education department as a “clinical aide.” You’re holding the key to the candy store and keeping us education majors locked out.

Instead of fearing our “module” is all wrong, we are relaxed as she emphasizes in her teaching. As for the other students, I’ve watched them hurrying through the halls, only to see them a few minutes later, lounging in the cafeteria with black bumper stickers, sipping on a glass of beer. If one listens to the bottles of conversation and the bottles of beer through the hall, you might bring to mind a part of Eliot’s poem, “In the room the halls are full of the language chosen. For further information please contact Mrs. Di Salvo at International Affairs Office Extension 2846. Thank you.

Having a meeting during the Spring Quarter is not an equitable place, etc. The Educational Bulletin Board in DM 150.

By Andi Stuart

Tax Help at FIU

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5905 NW 2nd Ave. - Saturday: 9-1-1-4
Consumer Credit Counseling Service:
12345 West Dixie Highway

Getting Together

The last issue of ACTION announced the formation of a second campus paper, THE MASCOT. ACTION is pleased to announce the changes in its overall format. At this time, the editors of both THE MASCOT & ACTION feel it would be to the best interests of this campus to combine our efforts to produce one student paper. We would like to thank all of the students and advertisers who contributed to THE MASCOT, with a special thanks to the Student Services office staff.

Carol & Pat
If you are in charge of a group of recipients of an all-expenses paid grant who have attended a university for 13 days, particularly when executives in the corporate world and you are engaged in a discussion of how the group is doing, the expected answer would be "royal." That, however, is not my case. I've been asked for a report, an opinion and I'll try to make it as clear as possible, and, what's more important, as objective as I can.

I want to stress that what follows is to be taken at face value. It can be criticized in any way except one—its value as a personal statement. In the first place we are in a university which is just being born. This university will send five representatives to the University Council. Hence, the council shall be composed of twenty voting members, and two non-voting ex-officio members, the vice presidents for academic and university. There will be a Student Senate, Career Service Personnel

In summary—at FIU we feel that we share in a birth that, in some respects, I'm not sure we have the same capacity and among the Americas and throughout the world," quoted from: Florida International University, In- congregational recognition of the students at FIU and the world. If we are receptors of the Latin-American students travel closely together through programs that will acquaint us to the different cultures of the students at FIU and the world. If we are receptors of the Latin-American students travel closely together through programs that will acquaint us to the different cultures of the students at FIU and the world.

To make this goal a reality, the students, faculty and all who work closely together through programs that will acquaint us to the different cultures of the students at FIU and the world. If we are receptors of the Latin-American students travel closely together through programs that will acquaint us to the different cultures of the students at FIU and the world. If we are receptors of the Latin-American students travel closely together through programs that will acquaint us to the different cultures of the students at FIU and the world. If we are receptors of the Latin-American students travel closely together through programs that will acquaint us to the different cultures of the students at FIU and the world. If we are receptors of the Latin-American students travel closely together through programs that will acquaint us to the different cultures of the students at FIU and the world. 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Media Center:
Learning Resource Warehouse
Filled With Useful Aides

By George Simon

ACTION STAFF WRITER

The FIU Media Center is under the direction of Mr. David Wilson, a teacher of higher education for 8 years, who is working on his PhD. in Instructional media. A pioneer of FIU, He has seven full time employees and 20 student assistants. The Media Center occupies 7,000 square feet on the fourth floor of Primera Casa and will be moved in 1974 to Building Four where it will have three times the space it occupies now.

There is a total inventory of $125,000 worth of electronic equipment, which at this point is considered, in terms of the number of students and faculty 25 average.

A few years ago, research information was ten years old by the time it reached students via textbook or film. Today an individual has an extensive information center in his own home which provides him with immediate information and research data that will appear in textbooks months later. Students and faculty who are part of this highly mediated, high information density environment expect more from a Media Center than just a projector or a record player.

Too many Media Centers are top heavy with technicians and engineers. Although these people play an important role in the success of any Media Center, Wilson thinks of his role as, "information gathering" in a world of information proliferation.

In a university with an enrollment of over 5,000 students, the Media Center is working toward accumulating material that is relevant to the objectives of a course and which provides opportunities for students to learn according to their own particular styles. Thus according to Wilson, staff for the media center should have a background in teaching and research as well as a knowledge of the role of the media in education. All of the staff and the illustrators taught courses with the faculty last quarter.

An individual who has taught, or is teaching in addition to his assigned duties in the Media Center, can better identify with the problems of faculty and students alike," said Wilson. "My goal is that the Media Center in FIU will be accepted as a part of the teaching faculty of the University."

There are five departments within the Media Center: equipment distribution center, communications laboratories, film and film library, assessment and micro-teaching clinics. The communications labs are set up with individual cassette tape recorders which are used to get maximum utilization out of tax dollars and space.

"If you care to study any language you can listen to the instructor and at the same time repeat the words into a microphone attached to the head and it will be recorded on the tape so you can listen to yourself. If needed tape recorders can be easily moved to a classroom to tape lectures. The film library is a repository for fifteen mm films; educational films, film strips, film loops, classic old films such as "The Battleship Potemkin" and "Un Chien Andalou" by Salvador Dali. You can view any of these films from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. five days a week.

There is an FIU film society being formed to explore contemporary cinematic achievements of different nationalities. This shall fulfill two of the three basic goals of the FIU: greater international understanding and service to the community. This new service shall be open to everybody at FIU and the community in general. A catalog will be circulated listing titles available.

There is also a department where students are instructed to produce a variety of multimedia programs. Video tapes are taken of guest speakers to show in night classes.

The School of Education uses these facilities for micro-teaching situations. The parts department handles all the equipment is set up with a sophisticated logistic system to make sure that the requested equipment is there on time and in working order when needed.

Finally there is the art section with two full time illustrators who work on projects with faculty to design instructional material and also help this publication. Efficiency, dedication, enthusiasm and above all pride in FIU, in what we are today and shall be tomorrow is what the Media Center is striving for," said Wilson.

The purpose of the visit, according to FIU President Perry, is to assess FIU's commitment to: (a) educational opportunities for students as outlined in FIU's Master Plan (available for review in the library), (b) operating under a well-designed structure for academic, financial, and staff planning, (c) progressing steadily and properly toward the eleven basic accreditation standards of SACS. In preparation for the visit, Perry established six task forces composed of student, faculty, and administrative volunteers, to review the programs in meeting the eleven standards. The task forces are scheduled to report by the first two weeks in April.

If the Visiting Committee approves of the program, and SACS concurs, then FIU will achieve candidate status. Preliminary college estimates suggest this may occur in the fall of this year, with full accreditation coming one year later after the first class has completed the entire school program (two years)....
The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail is a two act play not a better play.

The production was excellent, if not beautiful. The acting was uniformly good—indeed often excellent. Still, one would like to have seen no good a production and such a high caliber of acting spent on a better play.

There isn't too much that's original in the play, it's all been said before and better. That man is not a servant of the community—the nation, or, even, the deities—he has created has been put forward better than of a single man alone than is laid before us in this particular play. Jerome Lawrence & Robert E. Lee do in THOREAU. Thoreau—the poet, himself—Emerson, Shakespeare, certainly, and infinitely many others before and since have better defined the greatness of man via the effort.

Jerome Lawrence & Robert E. Lee leaves one hour to affect the audience—a way in which FIU is another school. The effort of the group.

Still, with the problems currently before us—and the problems, like Vietnam, that plagued us when the play was written (1759 or thereabout) one can very much identify with the feelings and traumas of the Henry Thoreau of the Mexican War era. But the effort of Lawrence and Lee leaves one rather less than satisfied. The play is too full of easy afterthought—the comfort of retrospection—to make it seem fully meaningful in a time when there is so little comfort to be had from such meanderings among previous lost causes. As to this production, one cannot fault the ensemble work of the cast for the fact that the lead—Ed Ericson—was, perhaps a bit too theatrical for the general work of the group.

In all, it was an auspicious beginning for theatre at FIU, all quibbles aside. One can easily see that a great deal is in store; and, it isn't as though it's going to go to waste. If there is any great lack in the Miami area, it's good theatre. Here again, it would appear, is a way in which FIU is gonna prove to be more than just "another school."

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Renaissance in Education

By Michael Ray

Professor Joe Olander was looking for some way students could cash in on the learning experiences of both national political conventions and several local elections. As a result, he began the Public Affairs Internship Program last summer, before FIU had actually opened.

Since last summer on-the-job experiences in several areas have been made part of the Political Science Department's internship program. There are four main areas of interest into which the program is divided, providing students with a rare opportunity to learn firsthand how the establishment rules and controls society. These areas are:

Legislative—For instance, the student can work for a national politician, a State Senator, or even a Metro Commissioner.

Administrative—The student can learn about organizational or bureaucratic behavior. This quarter two students are working with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Judicial—Students now work with the Public Defender's Office and the Migrant Legal Services.

International—Students can work at a foreign consulate or at headquarters for an international corporation.

Professor Olander also found places for interns to work. He said the contacts were made by a lot of time, gas and phoning.

A student involved in the internship program is not limited to working somewhere where contacts have already been made. If he desires to work somewhere else, Professor Olander will see what he can do.

The Public Affairs Internship Program is open to any student at FIU. A student can earn from five to fifteen credits per quarter depending on the hours he works. A fairly accurate ratio of credit holding to its public. At FIU the reference resources consist of the books in the general reference collection, such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, almanacs, directories, bibliographies, handbooks, etc.

The Vertical File is a collection of pamphlets on all subjects; indexing and abstracting tools, used to locate journal articles in any field or discipline; government documents, both federal and state and materials in microform. In addition, the department collects and maintains phone books and college catalogs from all areas of the United States.

The department's finest asset is its staff. Though small in size compared to other major university reference departments, the staff tries to give each patron individual attention and guidance. Each question is considered important and a sincere effort is made to fill each person's need. The staff enjoys working with the university community in a mutual effort toward intellectual fulfillment.

The head of the Reference Department is Teddy Kassner, Associate University Librarian. Before coming to FIU in 1970, Mrs. Kassner was a librarian in the Undergraduate Library of the University of Miami. She is assisted by Muriel Efron, head of Documents, two part-time Adjunct Assistant University Librarians, Mrs. Margaret Cubberly and Mr. Robert Stack.

In addition the staff includes five career service employees.
As I See It

By Pat McGarry

Two former officials of President Nixon’s political organization were convicted on January 30 for plotting to spy on Democrats during the 1972 election campaign. James W. McCord Jr. and Gordon Liddy, key figures in the Watergate affair, were found guilty on all counts charged against them; conspiracy, second degree burglary and eavesdropping. Liddy could receive a maximum sentence of 35 years in prison, McCord a 45 year term. The other five men charged in the Watergate affair all pleaded guilty and all are in the District of Columbia jail, except E. Howard Hunt Jr. who is free on a $100,000 bond, pending sentencing. A Federal judge also fined Nixon’s campaign committee $8,000; the maximum fine for violating the new election spending law.

The Watergate investigations are far from over. Congressional Committee hearings are to be held later this year, and a civil lawsuit brought by the Democrats against the Republican Party is still pending. We will not know the whole truth of this political espionage or the ability of the Nixon administration to suppress the whole affair. In contrast is the Presidential election of 1872 in which President Ulysses S. Grant was defeated—a way to answer charges of corruption. He stayed silent, devised a way to answer charges of corruption, and then went on to win the election. The story of the Nixon administration to this day is one of suppressing the whole affair. In contrast is the Presidential election of 1872 in which President Ulysses S. Grant was defeated—a way to answer charges of corruption. He stayed silent, devised a way to answer charges of corruption, and then went on to win the election.

What started out as a standard field trip soon became a moving personal experience for the Florida International students.

As I See It

Psychological Assoc Students
Visit Operation Self-Help

"Because they were so open and honest with us, I think we will be more able to be honest with each other."

"I think they have a great program here; I hope to come back again sometime."

"It really meant a lot to me; I'm even going to send them a donation."

These were some of the feelings expressed by psychology students who visited Operation Self-Help Drug Rehabilitation Facility in Hialeah, Thursday, March 1. The visit was arranged and sponsored by the Student Psychological Association of Florida International University.

Also included are student trailers and modules located at Primera Casa, as the third facility on the campus. The new building will be located just northeast of Primera Casa, as the third facility on the campus.

New Center

Construction has begun on Florida International University’s third major building, the $2.9 million, three-story University Center, which will house the various student services and activities. The 90,000 square foot structure is expected to be ready during the winter quarter of 1974.

The new building will be located just northeast of Primera Casa, as the third facility on the University’s court system which is designed to unite the buildings visually and functionally.

The facility is designed to complement outdoor living and includes an indoor-outdoor social center that opens into a tropical garden and an outdoor amphitheater and gift shop. Also included are student recreation facilities, bookstore, cafeteria, international conference theater, a classroom-type auditorium seating 200 persons and space for the Division of Student Services.

Plans are going ahead on two other major facilities at the University’s Tamiami Campus. Construction will start later this year on the Multi-Function Two and Central Utility Plant, which will contain classrooms and offices for the fifth building planned as the Library, will begin going up in 1974.

Math-Science Dept.

A primary concern of FIU’s Mathematical Sciences Department is dispelling the idea that mathematics is something difficult and mysterious, interesting only to eccentric geniuses. MAS 305, The Significance of Mathematics, is designed to give non-majors an inkling of what mathematics is, how it is used, and why many of its theorems and concepts are considered beautiful. MAS 310, computers and society, considers the problems caused by the widespread use of computers. It gives non-majors an idea of what computers can and cannot do and gives majors some sense of the social consequences of their field.

Dr. Robert C. Fisher, chairman of the Math Dept., has created a balanced department which fairly represents all aspects of the field. In his view there is much to gain by uniting mathematics, statistics and computer science in one department. In many universities these disciplines are fragmented into several departments with a resulting loss of communication and constructive interaction. Dr. Fisher also believes that the department

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FIU LACROSSE TEAM

Front Row (left to right) Paul Skrichos, Dermot Whelehan, Tom Mason, Jerry Frank. Back Row (left to right) Ed Peterson, Harry Clifford, Coach Hartman, Stephen Trusy, Billy Bryan.

With Debbie Goldstein

Tom Wondering's production line of baseball stars will have to be tough to withstand the upcoming calendar—31 games are scheduled by the Florida International team during March.

Among those collegiate powers who will take their first crack at the Tamiami Park diamond beginning Monday, March 5, are St. Joseph's, Eastern Illinois, Belmont and Middle Tennessee State.

The Florida International nine brought their record to 3-4 last weekend as they captured the second of a two-game series on succeeding days against Miami Dade, North. After suffering a 5-2 loss to the Falcons on Friday, the team made a comeback in the ninth inning on Saturday. Howie Finklestein evened the score, 4-4, after his single to right field paved the way to a run by Danny Price.

The game, which lasted 13 innings, proved to be the longest in the University's young history. It ended after Larry Hokin's double to left field aimed Dave