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Life's been good for "Radisson Hall" students

By WAYNE WILLIAMS
Special to the Sun

It began with 32 students, many upset and frustrated because they were moved into a hotel, two miles away from campus, instead of the dormitories they had originally expected.

Now, as space opens in the dorms, students reluctantly leave their plush rooms at the Radisson, upset and frustrated, afraid to enter the crowded, compact, boxes that 1,051 FAU students call home.

Frank Vismeg, directing manager of the Radisson Inn, extended a very warm welcome to FAU students with a private, informal cocktail party, the Thursday before orientation. Vismeg continues this welcome with an exclusive menu for students who can't afford the ritzy items offered in the cafe.

"I always get involved with the community," said Vismeg. "I want to help the students because education is important." The special items on the menu will be eloquently prepared by Radoslav Maros, a European trained, Executive Chef at the hotel.

"He's the best," boasts Vismeg.

Fine cuisine is not the only royalty Radisson residents receive. Two students share one room, complete with two double beds, a spacious, fully mirrored bathroom, cable TV, three lamps, two desks, a dresser, a nightstand and a compact closet. On campus, however, stu-



Larry Ham kicks back at the Radisson

Sun Photo/MARIE ORTIZ

dents aren't so lucky.

"At the dorms I have to share one bathroom with seven other people," said Dianne Faulkner, an FAU Junior. "I usually take my showers at the gym."

"You can't compare this [the Radisson] to the dorms, they're completely different. At the dorms you've got the basics, and they clean the bathrooms once in a while—sort of," said Mark Webster, also a Junior.

Radisson residents have just about everything they could possibly want: a whirlpool spa, a swimming pool, a fitness center, wake-up calls; the list goes on and on. Some students may have to endure this luxury the entire semester; others will make the move to campus just weeks before the semester ends, if space is provided on campus.

FAU freshman, Erica Lawson, said, "It doesn't make any sense to stay here most of the semester, then move to campus in November, and then in December, pack up and move again."

Transportation is a big problem for many students. Shuttle service is provided to and from school, but the Tri-Rail schedule fails to meet the needs of some students.

"My study hall is over at 9:30[pm] and

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ID cards return, bring long lines

By MICHAEL McMAHON
Sun Contributing Writer

One of the longest lines students have had to wait in this semester is the line for the newly issued student identification cards.

Since the program began August 28, between two and three thousand cards have been issued. A case of 15,000 blank cards have been sent to France to have the computer chip which is on the back of the card tested.

"This is the only card in the country which uses a bar code, magnetic strip and smart card," said Robert Burton, Director of ID Sales.

Burton strongly emphasized that he had the support and approval of the Student Senate prior to commencing with this program, and that the charge appearing on fee cards this semester is a one-time charge.

Once a student has an ID, it will be validated at the beginning of the following semester at registration. Only those students who lose a card will have to ante-up with another \$5.00.

There has been some mixed reaction to the whole concept of the cards and direct billing from students. Most of the com-

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Grading gets needed change

By JERED CARR
Sun Staff Writer

The seeds of change for FAU's grading system were floating in the wind long before last Friday's move to add pluses and minuses.

The long standing grading system has been underfire for both students and faculty. Past Student Governments and a previous FAU administration debated and pressed for change.

The University Senate created a subcommittee under the Steering and Policy Committee to study alternatives and to provide recommendations. The subcommittee recommended adoption of the UF system,

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Making the Grade

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FROM THE NEWSDESK

In recognition of the centennial of Vincent van Gogh's death, Florida Atlantic University's Department of Theatre will present "Vincent," a one-man show about the artist, from Friday, September 7, to Sunday, September 9, in the Esther B. Griswold University Theatre. Directed by Jean-Louis Ballet, chairman of FAU's Theatre Department. FAU students will be admitted free of charge. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m., with a matinee Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information, call (407) 367-3808.

FAU will hold its annual Career Day Wednesday, September 12, from noon to 6 p.m. in the Gold Coast Room of the University Center. Some 130 representatives from approximately 70 companies, will be on hand to accept resumes and to introduce their themselves and their companies to students. For more information, contact the Career Development Center at (407) 367-3533.

Fulbright Application deadline is October 15, 1990. The Fulbright Program offers graduate students an opportunity for research and study abroad. For more information, contact Dr. Dorothy M. Stinson, Fulbright advisor, at 367-3213.

911 Emergency Service. 911 calls on campus from University phones are directed to FAU Campus Police, who will immediately notify and direct the appropriate emergency unit. 911 calls from the FAU dormitories, Commercial Boulevard, Davie Campus, University Tower or public telephones are directed to

the nearest Off-campus municipal emergency service.

The National Safety Council will be presenting a state-approved driver education course entitled "Coaching the Mature Driver," at the Imperial Point Medical Center, 6401 N. Federal Hwy, Ft. Lauderdale. The two day course, beginning on September 12 teaches seniors how to compensate for the aging process as it pertains to driving skills. All interested persons may call Louise Kierstien at 772-9900 ext. 3016 for further details.

A videotaped mock interviewing session (VMI) will be held by the Career Development Center, in conjunction with the College of Business and the Life-Long Learners Society on Tuesday, September 11, Thursday, September 13, and Friday, September 14. Appointments and requests for information will be handled by the CDC, which is located above the cafeteria. Sign-ups are first come, first served, so act now.

AIDS Peer Education Training has been scheduled for Sept. 24 through Sept. 28 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. An alternative training series is being offered Oct. 1 through Oct. 5. Call Mickey Getty at Student Health Services, 367-3971 to reserve a place. Seating is limited.

The American Heart Association is holding their 1990 TURKEYWALK on Saturday, October 27. The Captain's & Committee Kick-Off Party will be Wednesday, September 19, at the Glades Holiday Inn. All interested walkers and sponsors should call (407) 394-0170 for more information.

New system, old idea

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which uses only pluses and straight grades, in a memo to the Steering and Policy Committee dated February 25, 1988.

The consensus is that FAU's system of grade points is too wide and much accuracy is lost in the translation. If an 89 gets the same grade as an 80, why work for the higher grade?

Based on the subcommittee recommendation, Dr. David Lee, chairman of the Steering and Policy Committee, suggested that the University Senate adopt the UF system.

Dr. Lee said, in his recommendation, that "this system will allow a much finer tuning of grades, but it is not too disruptive. A change from tradition should be gradual. This system is a more accurate account of student ability."

On Friday, September 7, 1990, Dr. Lee's idea of a plus only system was overwhelmingly defeated in favor of the plus-minus system. University Senators took exception to the one-way benefit of the proposed system.

Senator criticism was quick in coming. "A system change should not be grounded on the basis that it will strengthen student grades. Many of college grading system changes seem to be geared toward grade inflation," said one senator.

Another Senator's comment pertained to perceived goals. "This type of grading system (plus only) will not strengthen grades as tough," he said, "but instead grades will be lower as students relax."

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plaints are from members of the senior class.

"I don't like it at all, especially if you're not on campus all the time," said Chris Snyder, a Senior majoring in Accounting. He also adds that he feels the new card is "premature, especially since all the services are not in place."

On the other hand, those students who were in favor of the new system were very optimistic and positive.

"I don't mind the (direct) billing, I think it's much better," says Kevin Martagh, a Computer Science major.

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the last shuttle leaves at around 8:00 pm," said Junior Rosa Almote.

Another inconvenience for students is the enormous phone bills. Chere Kerridge and Ayauna King, collectively, made \$67.07 worth of phone calls in one week.

"The rates are too expensive here," complains Kerridge. "Fifty cents for every local call, and long distance rates are high too."

Because of these inconveniences, students may be moving into the Holiday Inn or one of the other hotels eager to receive FAU students, sometime this week.

Vismeg explains, "I offered housing to these students and received good publicity, now other hotels want publicity

Out of this debate came the FIU grading system. A system that is built on pluses and minuses, it was deemed to be the most fair method of grading. Where the traditional FAU system lacked preciseness, the FIU model certainly does not.

This system increases the requirements for A,B,C,D grades, but gives the student caught in the upper end of the letter grade a higher grade point. This is the motivational compensation desired by FAU students.

But for those students that are in the lower end of the letter grade, a lower grade point than under the traditional FAU system is erred. In essence a much more accurate and fair system. Pluses and minuses are rewarded and penalized in terms of the old system.

The students really got what they asked for, noted Dr. Emanuel Newsome, vice-president of student affairs.

"If you are trying to be more exact with grading, why only up and not down," said Newsome. "In a plus and minus system, the students will get what they deserve."

Where the UF system benefitted the high A and B achievers, without hurting the rest (low A and B), the FIU system gives but also takes away from the average student floating around the C level. A "C" minus now is worth less than two points.

The cure just might be harsher than the sickness. Before the change the complaint was that grading was too grey, now the complaints are likely to be that the grades are too tight.

Dr. Newsome sees this as normal. "Whether you like this change is relative. It just depends where you stand," he said.

Mostly, the computer cards will be used as a form of on-campus student identification, and to check out books from the library. The beauty of the system is in its future growth potential. With the computer chip on the card, up to four debt accounts can be established. These can include but are not limited to: dorm access, guarded parking lot access, and such diverse services as bookstore purchasing, and passes to FAU University Center functions.

An enthusiastic Burton says that he is "really looking forward to this" system getting off the ground and up and running.

too."

Student Affairs Coordinator, Mikki Minney, says that that moving to the Holiday Inn would be more cost effective for the school.

"At the Holiday Inn, students would be better off. They're offering suites with two TV's, a living room, a refrigerator, 24-hour security, and shuttle service [hotel provided] for about \$6 a day less than the Radisson."

Minney also said that she gave the Radisson an opportunity to counter this offer, but no comment on price was made.

It boils down to a choice between 24-hour security with two T.V.'s at the Holiday Inn, or award winning cuisine and breathtaking beauty at the Radisson.

Decisions, decisions.

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OPINIONS

PERSIAN GULF WATER FOWL



Letters to the Editor

Foreign policy objectives a priority Hostage situation should not overshadow focus

To the Editor,

Americans never cease to be amazing. In an increasingly precarious and hostile world, most of us still believe that the United States government can rescue each and every American citizen that finds him or herself in trouble overseas. What remains equally astounding is that the government itself continues to cultivate this notion.

Recently, I have been somewhat encouraged that the Bush Administration has distanced itself, although slightly, from this idea. With regards to the present situation in the Persian Gulf, it is my opinion that the president should maintain his focus primarily on the national interest. This has been defined as defeating Iraq's aggression in the Gulf region.

Everyone agrees that achieving both the release of the hostages and Saddam Hussein's defeat in the Gulf would be politi-

cally ideal. However, reality may force the government to choose the best possible outcome. This does not render concern for these hostages unwarranted.

Nevertheless, the president must not and cannot allow himself to become so overwhelmed with hostages that he loses sight with the interest of the whole. The stakes are high indeed, and we all, as Americans, need to rethink our long-held convictions.

First, for the individual American citizen abroad or going abroad, it is recognizing to the fullest that one automatically incurs risk when travelling overseas; and that the government is

limited in what it can actually do for you when faced with certain barriers.

Secondly, the government cannot afford to abandon its immediate foreign policy objectives for the sake of a few individuals. Former President Reagan and Carter both failed the nation when they allowed themselves to be immersed in the plight of hostages.

Hopefully the Bush Administration will remember the lesson of history and continue its present course.

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Short Fuse

By Erich Lyle

For the past month, I've found my early morning adrenalin rush, not from a cup of coffee, but from a quick scan of the headlines. "Warnings... tough talk... more propaganda on both sides... but (sigh of relief) no actual war..." No surprise, early-morning, Bush-style invasion, no shots... but for how much longer? By now, every world leader of note who has been involved in negotiations has mysteriously walked away in disgust, resigned to publicly dismissing a non-violent solution as weak and irrational.

Now, the threat of war has invaded every aspect of our daily lives. The government reminds us daily to "sacrifice", and the papers are filled with letters home from our stationed troops. Abroad, Bush and Gorbachev meet and promise to unite, and, if necessary, fight, under the premise that if the now-friendly suppowers can just get rid of Hussein with a quick, tiny war, peace will reign. Traditionally, the Secretary of State's duty is to, at least, talk peace, but Baker is now the salesman, well known, but not well liked, going door to door in the Middle East begging for war money from countries that only a month ago called America "Great Satan." The preparations for war have begun.

But why? Kuwait is no democracy, or old friend, and Hussein is no Hitler. Does a bloody, unpredictable war in the desert serve American interests, or just Bush's? A war right now helps Bush in at least two ways. First, it allows George's old oil buddies to mercilessly gouge prices, and it forces budget conscious democrats to look weak for voting against the War Department's favorite toys, the Stealth Bomber, and SDI. Secondly, and more importantly, a war gives Bush the calm, caretaker image he always strived for. The economy is dead, Bush is faced with the worst unemployment in two years, and everything seems to be falling apart, but a quick victory over the NEW HITLER is a nice diversion to show that something made in America works. So fluidly and efficiently he swings the club, and the ball snaps off the tee. An artillery cartridge snaps into place in a well-oiled rifle... Young American necks are snapped in the desert far away from home... but they were brave, and Bush is in control... Yet another war fought for money and appearances, but I'm tired of buying the emperor's new clothes.

So who ordered this war? As a matter of political power and pride, Bush has drawn a line of sand that amounts to a wall of flesh. The war is being forced on us, and we *have* to say no before a single shot is fired. When bravery and strength is presented as meekly submitting to an unjust war, or being the sheep that dies to please the gods of Exxon or Shell—when it is our young lives in the balance, it is time to stand up and redefine courage.

Entertainment

Down and dirty with the Doctor

By JEANNETTE ALFARO
Sun Staff Writer

With a line of students and guests that extended well out to the parking lot, last Thursday's Rat event went over rather successfully.

John Valby, better known as "Dr. Dirty", played to a wall-to-wall Rat floor of extremely happy and cheering people. Valby, who was here last year also and sold out then too, is most liked for his ability to take well-known folk songs and change the lyrics to accommodate today's demand for sexy images while remaining very humorous.

Aside from the regulars, there were a lot of new faces and future FAU Rat-goers. Music was provided via CD's and some people were dancing in their own little corners. A draft table was set up in the back of the Rathskeller to fulfill the need for beer drinkers who didn't have the time to wait in a line at the bar.

Student Government Program Board, who sponsored this event, was just as surprised at the outcome as the usual Rat crowd. When asked what he thought of the night of entertainment, Chris Schubarth, a coordinator, said, "Further evidence that people should get beer early. On the whole, a much calmer crowd."

Sources said that people were arriving by 4:00 p.m. and by 7:00 p.m., one hundred people were already waiting to get in.

Valby, dressed appropriately in a white tuxedo with tails and sneakers, played piano while



Dr. Dirty leads sing-a-long at the Rat Sun Photo/MARIE ORTIZ

belting out songs which the majority of the audience knew and joined along.

He also took requests from the audience and even sang a song in which he would ask for women's names and then quickly think of a nasty rhyme for that name. He even picked on the AEPi brothers, who were all

there dressed in their matching T-shirts, and the audience went absolutely wild.

"Sometimes I get accused of being a chauvinist pig..." Valby said at one point, as the audience applauded loudly, either agreeing with him or cheering him. No one there, however, seemed to mind too much.

Scum Rock for those who know

By L.B. LIVES
Special to the Sun

"We want to thank everyone who made this possible, especially the scum, themselves." — singer of The Ghetto Dogs

This latest release from Roir, the all cassette record label, is the pure, grimy, middle-finger rock and roll. New York Scum Rock Live at CBGB is eleven raw hours of drink, fight, and fuck music, taped live at CBGB's New York Scum-Fest, distilled into a sixty minute, twenty band compilation tape that was made for long nights of drinking and driving. This is punk. Those who know, know. The rest worship Jane's Addiction.

Finally, some hardcore music out of New York City that has a sense of humour. For years, the Big Apple underground scene has been synonymous with violent, straight-edge, skinhead bands, and their posing, "harder-than-you", right-wing attitudes, or, worse, trendy metalheads "from the streets" like Anthrax, or 24-7 Spyz. Here's the good, old Ramones, Misfits, Stooges punk from a bunch of big city kids who found out you only needed to learn two or three grungy, power chords to start your own band.

Record Review

New York Scum Rock
Live at CBGB's
Roir cassette \$8.95

...include, "A Girl Just by Ed Gein's Car," by the Bloodsuckers, and the classic, "Cute from the Deans of Dis- and a half years AND, drunk!). Also in- trash rock from the Reverb Motherfuckers, important than the in- music quality, is the of the whole scumrock politically correct; it to smash bottles on cop thought this tape, I ditched

work, drank two twelve packs of Miller-Genuine Draft (the good stuff), and topped off this epic indulgence with an entire large pizza with everything. After listening to the Scumrock tape, I felt guilty about showering for weeks. Q: Did I recycle the beer cans? A: Of course not, they're still on the floor of my room.

Well, obviously, the music made a difference in my life, and how many times has Peter Murphy or the Stone Roses done that for you? Nothing deep or mysterious here; just the raging rock. So call in sick, pick up a couple quarts, and buy this tape. Besides, it's for a good cause: the scumrockers need beer money.

Stevie Ray Vaughan leaves a legacy of deep blues for his listeners

By JOSEPH BONADIO
Sun Features Editor

At 12:40 a.m. on August 27, a helicopter carrying renowned Blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan and four others left east Troy, Wisconsin bound for Chicago. Moments later the Bell 206B Jetranger, its pilot undoubtedly disoriented by a thick fog, crashed into a nearby hillside, killing all aboard.

This crash brought an untimely end to the life of a musician whose blistering guitar technique and growling blues voice had brought him from obscurity to the brink of major stardom, a reward seldom enjoyed by blues players. Vaughan, at 35, had just finished playing his final show minutes before boarding the copter, and the list of those who performed with him that night attest to his status among blues artists: Eric Clapton was there, as well as Buddy Guy, Robert Cray, and Stevie Ray's older brother Jimmie, of the Fabulous Thunderbirds.

Stevie Ray's performance at that ill-fated concert was fiery and inspired, and though he was known for his show-stopping live sets, the intensity of his playing that night caused 10 year pal Buddy Guy

to say "I had Goosebumps."

A slew of friends, family members, and fellow musicians gathered to pay their final respects to the much-loved Texas Guitarist at his funeral last week, including such admirers as Jackson Browne, Bonnie Raitt, and members of ZZ Top. Considered by many to be perhaps the finest blues player of his generation, Vaughan will be remembered dearly by those who knew him: as a player of unequalled talent and genius, and as a man whose simple goodness never failed to shine through.

Also killed in the crash were Bobby Brooks, Eric Clapton's agent; Jeff Brown, the pilot; Coun Smythe, another of Clapton's managers; and Nigel Brown, Clapton's bodyguard.

Vaughan's career is marked by the release of five albums with his band Double Trouble: Texas Flood (1983), Couldn't stand the weather (1984); Live Alive (1986); Soul to Soul (1987); and the Grammy-winning In Step (1989). He will also appear on Family Style, a collaboration with his brother, later this year; and both he and Jimmie will appear on Bob Dylan's forthcoming album.

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SPORTS

BCC baseball gears up for 1990-91 season

By KLIF J. GEHRING
Sun Staff Writer

With the anticipated return of five of his top players from last season, coach Mike Hutch and the 1990-91 BCC baseball team plan to utilize their experience and attitude to help spark a successful tradition.

The revamped team reveals many promising qualities that Hutch admits were sorely lacking in last year's players, not the least of which comes in the form of attitude.

"Experience is not nearly as important as attitude," said Hutch, whose team begins their full scrimmage season September 20. "The kids this season realize that they are here to go to school first, then play baseball, and with what I've seen so far, win some games."

Returning this year for the Seahawks include such players as second team all-conference competitor Scoot Saxson and George Laskas, one of the top pitchers in the conference. Also coming back to the team for his second season is another leading conference pitcher Alex Morales. Short stop Tommy Dong and

second baseman Kenny Woodruff also return, bringing even more leadership to the team.

"I think you can expect some good things from our baseball program this spring," says Rex Brumley, head BCC Athletic Director for all campuses. "The impressive recruits should help improve the team immensely."

Competing in 18 games during the fall scrimmage season, and over 55 contests in the regular spring season, Hutch intends to use the fall as a basis for who will make up his regular line-up for the spring, granting everyone a chance to shine.

With the beginning of their second season in a more challenging conference, the BCC

baseball team faces many formidable opponents, the greatest rival being Palm Beach.

"In the past, Palm Beach has recruited from us and we've gotten players from them," said coach Hutch. "And when you have kids who know each other on opposing teams, you can always expect a good game. It's going to be a good year, and our

kids are ready."

It is just such a positive attitude that coach Mike Hutch and the BCC baseball team hope will encourage improvement, stressing an upbeat morale as the key to achieving their goals.

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Captain's meeting: Oct. 11

Soccer

Registration: Sept. 24-Oct. 11
Captain's meeting: Oct. 11

Current sports club registration deadline for the 1990-91 school year is Oct. 1. If not already done so, presidents or designees should pick up their registration packets from the Campus Recreation office. NOTE: In order to receive funding for the school year, your clubs must be registered through the Campus Recreation office by the Oct. 1 due date.

Rugby

The Campus Recreation

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The FAU Surf Team is now organizing for competition in this year's National Scholastic Surf Association circuit. As the 1990 Florida champion, FAU represented the region in the Nationals in California last June.

They will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 9:30 p.m. in the Rathskeller.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Soccer
at Palm Beach Atlantic
W. Palm Beach, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Volleyball scrimmage
Miami Dade South
at home, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14

Volleyball
Florida Tech
at home, 7:30 p.m.

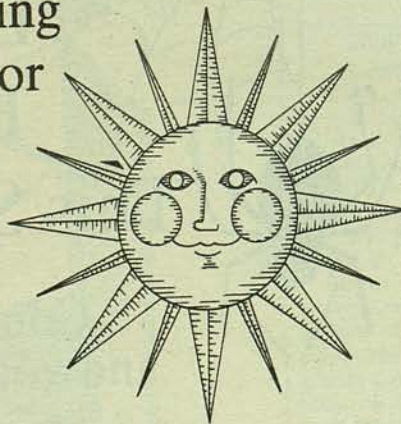
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Soccer
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8pm at the pavillion next to the baseball field!
(food, music, & fun)

Thursday the 13th - Party in the Ratt

Friday the 14th - Beach Football 11am, meet in Dorm 7 Lounge

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