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The Black Student On Campus

By STEVE JONES

"There aren't many of us," commented a black newcomer to FTU. And that statement is an appropriate summary of the black student population on campus.

The number of black students has increased over the extremely small number who attended FTU's first year of classes. But compared to the overall increase in the student population on campus, the increase in blacks is practically unnoticeable.

FTU is still a white-oriented school despite the fact that a vast majority of black students who apply are accepted.

Two black students, Wiltha Hamilton and Roland Williams, were interviewed about their views concerning the black student's situation at FTU. Miss Hamilton is a junior English major who came to FTU from the University of Miami. She commutes from her home in nearby Overtown. Williams is a senior physics major and a resident student. He attended Florida A and M University before coming to Florida Tech.

Both of these students felt that on the whole, the black student is treated equally and fairly by white students, faculty, and staff. Both also agreed that there were some instances of racial discrimination, but they have come to expect and dismiss it.

Student leadership positions on campus are all held by whites. No club officers are blacks. No fral or sorority officers are blacks. No black student government officers or senators are blacks. Miss Hamilton and Williams feel that this absence of black leadership is due both to the small number of blacks and the lack of blacks volunteering to compete for these positions, rather than white preeminence of blacks in leadership. This change should come as FTU grows and black enrollment increases. Williams thinks black students will share the student responsibilities at Tech when they have the timeliness and the qualifications, not color.

Student leaders at Tech may escape the problem of the black militant student because of its newness and flexibility. It has the opportunity to plan for the needs of the black student. Already, the possibility of special black academic courses has been talked about.

Wiltha Hamilton expresses her views regarding the black student's needs and responsibilities at FTU.
Editorial

Why The Citronaut?

In an editorial appearing in this newspaper last year, a headline asked the university community if FTU was "Doomed to be Citronauts Forever?" Unless somebody moves fast, it looks as though we might well be. There is no student on campus who has not, from the first day of classes last year, wanted something to be done about the mascot. The time is no longer ripe. It is now and growing worse by the day. If indeed a mascot is finally chosen, it will even now be difficult to erase the Citronaut image which has already been indelibly stamped upon this institution. If action is not taken almost immediately, it will be all but impossible to remove that image.

For the benefit of any student who does not know anything about the Citronaut, or even what he looks like, he is pictured below, with a brief explanation.

As it was reported in the Future last quarter, it would take a miracle for the class from being to be ready for war in the full quarter, there is just part of the miracle.

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGES

...Of the University

Universities historically have been concerned with great moral, political, and social issues. This is wholly appropriate and the attention presently focused on U. S. foreign and military policy is no exception. We recognize clearly the concern of various members of our citizenry throughout the nation with respect to the war in Vietnam. Within the University community, students, faculty, and staff recognize the vital nature of the issues involved. For many people, and especially young people, questions concerning the war are of paramount importance and have a far-reaching, direct impact on their lives.

The Advisory Committee to the President at its October 8 meeting discussed the moratorium proposed for October 15. The proposed moratorium was also discussed at a joint meeting of the student body president, the Council of Presidents, the Chancellor, and the staff and members of the Board of Regents. It was the consensus of these individuals that the University should open at all.

The general opinion on the CDF was that despite the problems existing the first week, the best it was open at all was an astronomical miracle of the Western World.

...Of SG

On October 15, 1969 college students across America will be recognizing a national day of discussion concerning the necessity of an end to the Vietnam War. Recognizing that FTU is an integral part of the higher educational system of the United States and that the students of FTU are equally concerned about and affected by this war the Student Government of FTU requests that the following be observed on campus:

1) October 15 shall be designated as "Peace Wednesday," a day devoted to discussion, contemplation, and debate concerning the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War.

2) 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. has been designated as the "Hour of Concern." All students, faculty, and university personnel are invited to this hour, included in the hour will be an explanation as to the purpose of "Peace Wednesday," expression of varying points-of-view, and the singing of songs of peace.

3) On "Peace Wednesday" black arm bands will be worn to show sympathy for the national movement to end the Vietnam War. The students, faculty, and administration who will participate in "Peace Wednesday" will do so as a matter of personal conscience. "Peace Wednesday" is intended to be a day of personal reflection rather than public demonstration.

Walt Komanski

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GC Building Opens A Crack

Everyone said it couldn't be done when FTU President Dr. Charles Millikan announced that the new two-story Science and Engineering Classroom Building would be ready for first classes of the Fall Quarter.

At that time, workmen were still struggling to complete the frame of the basement and first floor, much less the final touches.

Last week, it looked impossible. There was just concrete, no floor, no furniture, no fixtures.

But anyone on campus the weekend before classes began, could see for themselves the monumental finishing job being accomplished, under the most trying conditions.

Were the classrooms completed in time for classes last Monday? It was a question that was still being debated this week.

Classes were held, even as workmen labored intently outside the classroom windows.

Some classes were roughly furnished. Others had equipment but students could only guess at the glare of bare light bulbs protruding from the ceilings.

One professor called the building during the first morning, "It was hot and dirty," he grumbled. "A couple of the ceiling tiles, sick, and ceiling failed. But we went on with the class.

"After class," he continued, "I complained that the air conditioning wasn't on. I was told when they told me it was on. Of course it will get better, but without working on it and adjusting the conditions, it will be difficult to operate.

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The Cabot, Housing and Company, certified Public Accountants, is publishing through the College of Business Administration a scholarship for junior or senior accounting majors. Applicants must be outstanding personalities, with a scholarship of $25.00 per month for the fall quarter.

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In order to try and explain the Oviedo Light on State Road 13, I felt different areas of the community could give their theories and we could derive a reasonable explanation from these. Members of the Physics Department at FTU, George D., Fawcett, founder of the Florida U.F.O. Study Group, and Bill, a Median in the Spiritualists Community in Cassadaga, Hall, both had heard of the light, said, "It never thoroughly aroused me enough to track it down, never enough to give up a good pizza for." He referred to the light as a "willow of the will" thing that "Probably goes whenever the wind blows." Hall said the story remained him of three similar unexplainable stories that are circulated about Cassadaga. The first was about a rose bush that when you pick a rose from it all the petals fall off before you leave the garden gate.

Then he recalled the young girl that was picked up in a car while she was hitchhiking. When the driver of the car arrived home at her house, she had mysteriously disappeared - wondering about this the man picked up the house, explained what had happened to the lady and was told by the efficient female, that her daughter had been killed on the same road a year ago; day through a bad Dickie Lee and "Laurel." And finally he talked about the woman who went to see a spiritualist in Cassadaga for a look at her future. She was given a note and told not to read it until she got home. On the way home she was killed in an automobile accident. The note found on her body read, "You have no future." When asked how he would react to the light Hall remarked, "I wouldn't be afraid of anything that wouldn't bite me."

George D., Fawcett, founder of the Florida U.F.O. Study Group has another opinion about what could be terrifying visitors to State Road 13. He believes that the mystery is related to several other phenomena in the OS, all of which are referred to as Fireballs. According to Fawcett these fireballs do not only appear in bright nights as well. Fireballs have been reported "dancing" on power lines in New York, sailing over lakes, and racing down roads. Several reports relate the fireballs even latch on the roof of cars and remain for several minutes. Fawcett explanation for these actions is that the balls are charged, either positively or negatively, and attract or repel objects charged, such as cars. Fawcett thinks that the fireballs might be some type of energy or projection of energy of which we know nothing of. He speculated that it might be this same type of energy which propels Tifos or perhaps in the weapon system in some of them. Fawcett firmly believes that these fireballs are natural phenomena which are not manufactured. He is adamant in his belief that they are a phenomenon in their own right. Fawcett claims the fireballs are worthy of serious investigation because they could well be a revolutionary, untapped energy source which could change the course of the world.

The FTU Physics Department was asked to give its opinion on the light. "The department held a special meeting on the subject, but stated officially that there was insufficient information on which it could base a concrete, scientific opinion. "The label is connected as an expert on the light without a formal investigation, a spokesman said.

The department offered, however, to aid the FTU in a further study of the phenomenon, perhaps by offering the services of a Physicist major to add in the search for the truth. The department spokesman said it would aid the investigation if an actual photograph of the "light" could be taken. This, the FTU will attempt to do. If the elusive, and reportedly dangerous "light" will pose some dark night. Maybe then an answer will be found if there is an answer. Can the "light" ever be explained intelligently? Can it kill?
Registration.
The word to some means terror, confusion, or frustration. To others it means weeks of planning down the drain when the classes signed up for are filled. But to all it means, the only way to get classes. "No one is exempt from the true test of a college student. Many make it no farther in college, white many find it the "hurdle of hell" which separates the men from the boys. Whatever the case, FU's system is fast becoming one of the most highly mechanical and efficient in the country. The cards issued to each student have a code which corresponds with the master to immediately eliminate classes, change a term, or even note a change of status. It spends all time but when registering where required, where five hours or one begins to be of such a nature. Perhaps 1964-39-14 taken, may not be individual Chinese to know own. To third
For Adults Only, Or...

College is often thought of as a place for 17-18 year olds to go after graduation from high school. However, a substantial percentage of the FTU student population is composed of what is commonly known as the adult student. The question is: what distinguishes an adult student from every other student? Age must be ruled out because every student is considered to be an adult until he proves otherwise. Class isn't the distinguishing factor because freshmen can be any age. All in all, it is impossible to say who is an adult and who isn't.

But there is a category of students which remains almost unnoticed in the rush of classes, activities, and clubs and organizations. These are the married students.

Most married students are entering college from the world of work, are looking for a second career through a college education, are looking for a new occupation, or are attempting to fulfill drives for achievement and advancement.

The married student at FTU has been overlooked in the past. The FTURe would like to remedy this by starting a weekly column dealing with the problems, humor, and social activities of the adult married student. One of the biggest problems the married student encounters is children. According to one source, "You have to fit your schedule to theirs and be home when they are to take care of them." Children are used to having their mothers at home all the time, a tendency to become jealous said another student.

"One day when I was caught up on my studying and housework, I started to bake a cake and my son came in and said, "Now that's the way I like to see you, baking a cake; not in the kitchen with your nose in a book," said a married student.

A necessity for a married student is an understanding spouse. Husbands and wives must give up many social functions because of studying. Also, spouses seem to be very good for drilling on the night before an exam. An example of an understanding husband occurred when a married student left for school, only to come back home a few minutes later. As she opened the door her husband said, "Mrs. (her real name), what did you forget this time?" she looked up and sniffed, "My glasses and my teeth."

Can Do

By Vivian Carr

What is it like to return to college after a 5-year intermission? "It was afraid I wouldn't fit in among all the younger students, but I am glad to see people of all ages here. Why, I even saw a gray-haired man with two small children going through the lines on registration day." Thus Mrs. William (Dol) Quinn expressed her misgivings and then her relief when she returned to the campus last week to continue her undergraduate studies which had been interrupted in 1940.

That was the year Hitler's pirate division swept into France and were joined by Mussolini's troops. The United States was in the midst of feverish activities to aid the Allies, and Dol believed college dropped in order to help in the war effort. "It was considered patriotic to go to work," Dol reflected.

During the time span between that era and the present space age which has been starkly dramatized by the astronauts' walk on the moon, Dol married a servantman and her two sons grew up. Bill was on duty in Okinawa at the time the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. He left the service in 1946 and eventually became an engineer for NASA.

She can be described as a rebel of the older generation. "I never cared for keeping house, anyway. I always wanted a degree," she declared.

One day her husband fathered a new born child at Louisburg College, North Carolina, so long ago. The college has a 90% completion rate and they prove otherwise. All in all, it is impossible to say who is an adult and who isn't.

Can Do

by Jules Felteur

Find Happiness At Tech?

"Why don't you go get it?" But she felt so concerned about her prospective role as a college student she applied for admission late in order to make certain she didn't supplant a younger student.

The slender, youthful matron hopes her courses in economics, political science and sociology will prepare her to work with the federal government and with foundations in making comprehensive surveys and studies necessary to program planning. She is impressed with FTU. "Here you feel like a pioneer when you come in. You feel you are in on the groundwork of something really live."

Modern technology has revolutionized the subject matter in the old food and sewing courses she took at Louisburg College, North Carolina, so long ago. The courses are so out-of-date they may not be credited even as electives.

Although these lost credits represent lost time, there is still a possibility she and her married son Bill, 24, who is presently completing his basic studies at Valencia Junior College, will graduate from FTU together.

A former substitute teacher, Dol says, "There is always something to do besides housework. She presently holds office as voter service chairman on the state board of the League of Women Voters of Florida, and she is active in several other civic organizations. In making a comparison of the "then" and "now," she reminisces, "Dress was so uniform back in 1950. There is 100 percent more individualism in the way young students dress nowadays." And she likes what she sees.

Dol summarized her philosophy by commenting, "While the children were small, I did all the things you are supposed to do to be a good housewife. But when they grew up, those things were not important any more."

The FTURe would like to invite any married student who would like to relay his or her feelings on these subjects to submit an article to the FTURe.
CAMPUS GLANCES

Sigma Alpha Fraternity spent the summer as an active men's social frat working on service projects and internal improvements in the social and administrative areas. SA participated in Madison Hall as a summer service project. Sigma Alpha will hold a smoker October 21, a rush party October 24, and a wild cat party October 31 for rush.

The Alumni Association of Kappa Sigma Fraternity will be present at Sigma Sigma Chi's meeting Sunday, October 12 at 7 p.m. at Horne's Motor Inn. The alumni will discuss their national fraternity.

Sigma Sigma Chi plans to change their meeting place back to the Tech campus in the near future.

Tri-K Sorority met with their three Panhellenic advisors from Orlando and their sponsor, Mrs. Penny Parker at a recent meeting. During the meeting a surprise party was held in honor of Cindy Clay, a member of Tri-K.

Fidelitas Sorority worked with Sigma Sigma Chi Fraternity Monday and Tuesday at an information booth located at the walkway between the library and the V.C. They served lemonade, played tapes, and aided students.

Fidelitas sponsor, Mrs. Lee Johnson, was married to Charles Ashley in August.

There was an organizational meeting of the Newman Apostolate Club yesterday at FTU. The Newman Club is an organization of students interested in truth, charity, and unity. The group is headed by Rev. Dr. Patrick O'Neill, O.S.A., and is interested in setting up Catholic student centers on college campuses.

The yearbook staff conducted a survey on the first day of registration in the lobby of the book store to determine if students were interested in a yearbook. The random sampling of 421 students resulted in the following.

On question of "would you purchase a yearbook", 119 said yes, 20 said no, and two were undecided. In answer to "what type of book would you want", 336 wanted a hard cover, 22 a yearbook, and 53 were undecided.

On question of "would you be willing to have $5 of your student deposit fund taken for a yearbook", 97 said yes, 21 said no, and 12 remained undecided.

Chris Schmidt was appointed executive officer at FTU of Sigma Delta Chi, a professional journalism society for men, and Zeta Sigma Alpha, a professional journalism society for women. The two journalism groups hope to have joint meetings with the Zeta Sigma Alpha and Sigma Delta Chi chapters in Orlando.
The university was airing its dirty linen this week, and it wasn’t a very pretty sight.

Students and staff were far from happy about the linen service offered on campus this year by Pan American Linen Service of Tampa.

A staff spokesman said that something is going to be done about it. Each boarding student is given three towels, two sheets and a pillow case that will see him through the week.

Much of the linen, however, appears to be soiled when delivered. Towels are smudged and appear to be soiled when they arrive.

Towels in the nurses’ station are also discolored, and are a great source of embarrassment to the kids who pride themselves on an anticpitive clinic.

The general feeling among students toward the linen service was “it will do,” when the problems persisted last year.

This year, the same kinds of problems cropped up, everyone was taking a more militant attitude.

Students reported dining crib sheets among their ration of bed linen. One student opened his sheet last week and found the other side of his room staring at him.

Another lamented, “I’ve had a sheet that literally fell apart when I unfolded it.”

Said a female student, “My sheet had little holes in it, and the way the company had patched it made me believe that their sewing machine had gone berserk.”

Pan American was low bidder this year, C. Barth Engert, director of campus housing explained.

“We realize,” he said, “that the company had offered to supply bed pads it had on hand as part of the service.”

“We saved some money not having to buy the bed pads,” Engert said.

The company, however, raised its rates after the contract was signed.

The bed pads can’t be returned if quality is poor, but the sheets and towels can. Exchange dates are Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. for buildings A and B and the same times on Thursdays for buildings C and D.

Because of the cumulative pressure of the FTU’s investigation of the linen situation and by concerned university administrators, Pan American this week agreed to bring in brand new linen.

FTUers were happy about the promised changes, but were reprimanded to the front on the “new linen they see its color and quality.”

Lotz of Art

Steven Lotz, Asst. Prof. of art at FTU, will open a one-man invitational exhibition at the Jacksonville, Florida, Arts Festival to be held at Jacksonville Municipal Auditorium Oct. 10-12.

Lotz is one of three first-prize winners in previous shows of the Festival who have been invited to mount exhibits. Twelve major pieces in his show will be monumental A-n-D, by C. Barth, chalk-white drawings on black paper by Lotz and ceramica with the “surrealist” quality.

The other two former winners who will mount exhibits are Delos Luster of New Smyrna Beach and Joe Sabatella of Gainsville. Sabatella is Asst. Dean of the School of Architecture, University of Fla.

The many state and local awards which Lotz has received include first prize in the Florida Invitational Art Exhibit held June 6-13 in DeSoto Park.

Tech Talk

Orlando Linen Service is offering a pick up and delivery service for laundry and dry cleaning items for students and faculty.

Times are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Village Center Housing Desk, open from 8:00 to 11:30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm Daily. Prices are pretty good, ranging from .55 cents for a pair of pants and $1.25 for a suit.

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