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## Alumni/Faculty Return For Homecoming Festivities



Mrs. John H. Evans, Jr. at dedication with President Jerome P. Keuper and Vice President John E. Miller.

### EVANS HALL DEDICATION HELD

Dedication ceremonies for Florence Evans Hall, on the campus of F.I.T., were held at 12 Noon on Wednesday, February 18.

F.I.T.'s newest residence hall, known informally as East Hall, was named in honor of F.I.T.'s first woman trustee, Mrs. John H. Evans, Jr.

The building houses 84 women, has a modern cafeteria, rathskeller, game room facilities, central conference room and other student conveniences.

Mrs. Evans, a resident of Melbourne for many years, has been active in philanthropic and community work throughout Brevard County and joined the F.I.T. Board of Trustees in 1973. She served on the Board of Directors of Brevard Hospital and the Melbourne Library. She was instrumental in planning and building of the Melbourne Library and worked to help build the new Brevard Hospital. Mrs. Evans also served as co-chairman of a special fund drive for the initial construction of Brevard Crippled Children's Clinic and as chairman of the Special Gifts of the American Cancer Society.

The dedication ceremonies on Wednesday were attended by the F.I.T. Board of Trustees, faculty, students and friends.

More than 200 Alumni, former faculty members and their spouses are expected for some of the special events highlighting "Homecoming Week at F.I.T." which began on Friday, February 13.

The annual Alumni/Faculty Luncheon on Saturday, February 21, is expected to attract a large crowd which should carry over for the evening cocktail party. Luncheon tickets will be available at the door in the Denius Student Center banquet room.

Topping off the week's activities on Saturday night is the Sock Hop Dance, featuring music and dress of the "fifties".

Dr. W. von Fischer, Director of Alumni Relations, has arranged an interesting program for the annual luncheon. Dr. Jerome P. Keuper, President of F.I.T., will headline the speakers with his "State of the University" presentation.

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### HOMECOMING EVENTS

#### February

- Friday, 13 Ice Cream Festival. FREE
- Saturday, 14 Semi Formal Dance  
Crowning of Homecoming Queen
- Sunday, 15 SGA Homecoming Rally
- Monday, 16 SGA Bagal Bash FREE  
LUAU - Coffee House
- Tuesday, 17 Film Festival
- Thursday, 19 Human Pyramid Contest  
SGA vs. Faculty Basketball game
- Friday, 20 Homecoming Basketball Game, F.I.T.  
vs. Florida Bible College  
(Alumni guests)  
Wood Collecting Contest - Bonfire  
and Beer Bust
- Saturday 21 Alumni Regatta—Melbourne  
Causeway (10:00 a.m.)  
Alumni/Faculty Luncheon  
Beer Bust  
Powder Puff Football game  
Alumni Cocktail Party  
Sock Hop—Music of the Fifties





Italian Ambassador Roberto Gaja talks with Melbourne Mayor Richard Donahue and Jerry Spero, most decorated living war veteran.

### ITALIAN AMBASSADOR GUEST OF F.I.T.

Ambassador Roberto Gaja, newly appointed Italian Ambassador to the United States, spoke at The F.I.T. Auditorium Feb. 2 at 8:00 p.m.

The ambassador, accompanied by his wife, spoke on the Italian-United States relationships, particularly during the bicentennial year.

Also visiting Melbourne with Mr. and Mrs. Gaja were Phillip Guarino, Deputy Director (senior citizens) of the Republican National Committee, Washington, D.C., who spoke on "Spirit of 76" with particular reference to the role of senior citizens in the bicentennial celebration year and the Italian contributions to this country.

On Tues., Feb. 3, the ambassador and Mrs. Gaja were guests at the Kennedy Space Center.



Dr. Charmerz Lenhart and Warna Minor representing the University Bicentennial Committee at F. I. T. booth.

### UNIVERSITY EXHIBIT AT BICENTENNIAL FAIR

F.I.T.'s Bicentennial Committee presented an attractive exhibit, featuring university activities and progress, at the recent Bicentennial Fair, hosted by the City of Melbourne. The fair, staged in the Melbourne Auditorium, had twenty-five booths provided for schools and colleges. Overall there were 70 clubs and organizations participating.

F.I.T.'s display was well received by thousands of visitors during the two-day fair.

## HAPPENINGS

by Jean

Greetings from the "far end of the campus"—the ROTC office. I would like to extend a well earned "thanks" to Paula for all the work she put into this column last year and only hope I can do as well. If anyone has any news on marriages, engagements, babies, illnesses (Happenings), please call me at the ROTC office, extension 335 or at 723-0193. Remember, this column is for and about you--the F.I.T. family--so do let me hear what is happening from all areas of the campus and I will be more than happy to include it in the column.

**FEBRUARY** birthdays—Happy birthday to you all, and since time was limited both this month and March will be listed in the next issue. But a happy birthday to our three birthday people in the ROTC department. Also, "Welcome Aboard" to all new members on campus, and again, both lists will be published next month. Also, a belated Valentine's greeting.

**WEDDING BELLS** will be ringing on June 19 for Joyce "Dean" Ashby of the Graphic Arts Department and Jeffrey Erichson, a graduate student in the Computer Science Department. Jeff will be graduating June 11. Best wishes to the happy couple.

Another F.I.T. wedding took place in February when Susan Relyea, adjunct faculty at the Language Institute, married Oscar Rodriguez of the Maintenance Department. Congratulations.

**CONVALESCENCE**—Glenn Hill, who has been an auto mechanic in the Maintenance Department for the past six years, is at home after a recent stay in the hospital. He would love to hear from all his friends.

**STORK NEWS** from Jensen Beach. William and Margaret Keeley are the proud parents of a baby boy, Michael Brandon, born February 7. Michael weighed in at 9 lbs. 8 oz. His dad teaches Physics at the Jensen Beach campus. Congratulations to the proud parents and to the new arrival.

**THANK YOU**—Marguerite Best, secretary in Admissions, thanks everyone for flowers, cards and prayers received in behalf of her husband, Albert.

### F.I.T. ALUMNI REGATTA SET

At least two boats, manned by former F.I.T. rowers, will compete in the Annual Alumni Race on Saturday, February 21, at 10 a.m.

The races, on the east side of the Melbourne Causeway, will consist of several 500 meter contests.

The Alumni will race the undergraduate oarsmen who will be in class boats, namely, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen, and for the first time, the women's crew.

There is also an informal christening of a new racing shell scheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday, prior to the racing. The ceremony will be held at "Anchorage", F.I.T.'s boat house and launching facility.





Project Director Edwin Kirschner checks registration as Indian executive Daljit Singh looks on.

### F.I.T. TRAINING INDIAN RAILWAYS EXECUTIVES

Under the United Nation's sponsorship, F.I.T. began a training program at the university for 22 selected railways executives from India. The program is under the supervision of Project Director, Professor Edwin J. Kirschner who has served industry and government in transportation, management and planning for over 25 years.

Dr. John E. Miller, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Executive Vice President at F.I.T., who made the announcement, said the program has been "divided into three phases, will cover approximately six months and will begin on Wednesday, February 18."

F.I.T. will plan, develop and manage the total training program and specifically, prepare the itinerary to fit each individual student.

Phases 1 and 3 include concentrated seminars in engineering and management subjects at the university. During phase 2, the trainees will be assigned to U.S. Government Agencies, railroads and manufacturers for additional state-of-the-art training.

A first day highlight of the training program was a luncheon for the 22 Indian executives, featuring Regional Director of the U. S. Federal Railroad Administration, Herrel R. Byrd, as guest speaker.

The luncheon was held in the President's Dining Room at F.I.T.

### BICENTENNIAL PAGEANT SET FOR APRIL

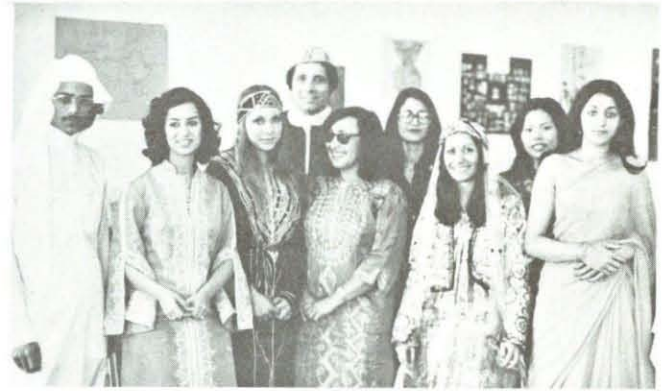
The University Bicentennial Committee and the F.I.T. Forensic Society have announced that "Indian River", an original historical pageant, will be presented in the F.I.T. Auditorium on April 9, 10, 11.

The pageant, depicting 150 years of fascinating Florida history, was co-authored by Mona G. Davisson and Ada M. Holmes and spans centuries of passing events.

At this writing, readings are still being held for parts. Characters needed are: chiefs, warriors, maidens, pirates, two Quaker missionaries, Spanish Governors, plus many extras. Stage and scenery helpers are always needed and welcomed.

"Indian River" will be under the outstanding Kay Kovacs as director, and Greg Adragna as student director.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FESTIVAL WELL RECEIVED



Representatives in native costume at festival.

An idea, suggested to Mrs. Abobakr Radwan when the F.I.T. Arab Student Association was first formed on campus, was developed into a most interesting display for the students, faculty and staff on February 9 at the Denius Student Center.

The exhibition featured beautiful jewelry, items of apparel, magnificent carpetry and cloth, art work, photos, literature, food and many other student-owned valuable items from the countries of Iran, the Arab States, India, Japan, China, Brazil and the Dominican Republic.

Each country had at least one representative in its national costume, ready to answer questions about his or her country.

President of the F.I.T. Arab States Association, Mohammed Fallatah was at the door welcoming all visitors.

Maha Radwan insists that the credit for the festival's success should be shared by all the students and faculty who worked so hard. We agree, but the organizational work and overall effort of Maha cannot be overlooked. (Especially that delicious Baklava she spent the week-end preparing).



Iranian exhibit featured priceless carpetry.

### ALUMNI/FACULTY HOMECOMING

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Master of Ceremonies for the affair is Dr. Harry P. Weber, Dean of Science & Engineering and of the Graduate School. Donald V. Stophlet, Vice President for Development Affairs, will speak on "F.I.T. and Its Alumni" and Holmes Beausang, Dean of Admissions, has chosen "Alumni Assistance in Recruiting" as his subject.

(A complete schedule of Homecoming Week activities is listed on the front page.)



## BASKETBALL TEAM IN BEST SEASON

With only two games remaining on the 1975-76 season, F.I.T.'s varsity basketball team is assured of posting its best-ever season.

Coach Art Loche and his assistant Jerry Stone have molded a high scoring unit which is sound defensively and improving each week.

Season's record thus far is 19 wins against 6 defeats.

The two remaining contests are against St. Leo College, February 18 and the final game with Florida Bible College on February 21.

## CREW POINTING FOR SEASON'S OPENER

Nearly 200 rowers have been working out daily at F.I.T.'s "Anchorage", on the Indian River. The university's teams, both men and women, have been hosting several northern collegiate crews as well as one local area high school squad.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale University of Pennsylvania and Princeton have been using the facilities, boosting the number of extra oarsmen in the F.I.T. boathouse at times, by about one hundred.

With many of their home rivers ice-locked during this winter season, the visiting coaches and oarsmen felt that the extra two weeks of technique work and conditioning gave them an important edge in Spring competition.

Additionally, several international-level oarsmen are training in Melbourne in anticipation of this year's Olympic Games in Montreal. Current U. S. Champion and world-class sculler, Jim Dietz, will be in Melbourne, at least through February, training for his second Olympics.

Last year's National Champion paired-oars with-coxswain, who were fifth in the World Championships and Gold Medalists at the Pan Am Games, are here for two weeks. The U. S. Pan Am pair without-coxswain were here during January.

F.I.T.'s coach Bill Jurgens and his assistant Norton Schlachter have been putting the university teams through conditioning drills and work on techniques, getting ready for the season's opener, March 3 in Melbourne. It's the annual Governor's Cup—a full-scale regatta that will include high school, college and club owners.



## March Calendar of Events

### March 3

Humanities Department movie, "Triumph the Will", 8:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 4

Indian River Science Fair, 8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 5

Indian River Science Fair, 8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 6

Indian River Science Fair, 8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.  
Indian River Science Fair Awards Ceremony, 6:30—9:30 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 7

S.G.A. movie, "White Line Fever", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 8

Alpha Eta Rho movie, "Three in the Attic", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 9

Presidential Primary polling - Precinct #49, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 12

Mel-High band performance, "Music for a Festival", 8:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 13

F.I.T. Society for Science Fiction & Fantasy mini-film festival—"Time Machine", "Star Trek", 6:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 14

S.G.A. movie, "Blazing Saddles", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 16

Campus Ministry sponsors "Religious Freedom at the Bicentennial", 7:30 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 19

Mini-Commencement Exercises & Reception, 4:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 21—27

SPRING VACATION

### March 26

Satellite Youth Players present, "1776", 8:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

### March 27

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### Mass Schedule

Every Saturday, 4:30 p.m., Teaching Auditorium in Crawford Science Building.