

# The Pelican

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Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company's District Manager, J. P. Blumer [right] presents an unrestricted gift of \$1,250 to F.I.T. President Jerome P. Keuper accepts for the university. The company has made an annual gift to F.I.T. since 1963.

## "INDIAN RIVER" WELL RECEIVED

"Indian River", an original pageant written by Mona Davisson and Ada Holmes, was presented by the F.I.T. Bicentennial Committee on April 9, 10, and 11 in the F.I.T. Auditorium.

The original, authentic Florida pageant covering 150 years of history recaptured experiences of hardship, suffering, and sacrifice of men and women who built this nation.

The pageant was directed by Kay Kovac and student director, Greg Adragna, and the original music was by James Franklin Davis.

Some of the highlights included the Ten Tones and Satonettes of Satellite High School, under the direction of Mrs. Eunice Maynard; Order of the Arrow, Indian Dancers, directed by Don Manning; and the Melbourne High Interpretive Dancers, under the directorship of Don Steele.

Representative Bill Nelson, on Friday night, Commissioner Val Steele, on Saturday night and Senator John Vogt, on Sunday night made guest appearances as Florida's first governor in the final scene in Act III.

## JURGENS NAMED F.I.T. DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Bill Jurgens, Head Crew Coach for the past seven years at F.I.T., has been named Director of Athletics at the university. He will continue with his current coaching assignment. Jurgens replaces Art Loche former Director of Athletics and Head Basketball Coach, who resigned recently to enter private business in South Florida.

The announcement was made by F.I.T. President Jerome P. Keuper who also announced that a University Athletic Advisory Council has been appointed. It will be free to establish guidelines to assist in developing the best athletic program possible, within resources available, to meet the needs of the students.

The Council consists of seven members: Jerry Stone, Dean of Students; Tom Nugent, Director of Public Relations; Holmes Beausang, Dean of Admissions; Dr. Thomas De Fazio, President of Faculty Senate; Dr. Joseph Doller, Community Representative; Bill Jurgens, Director of Athletics; and Dr. Raymond Work, Vice President for Student Affairs, who will act as chairman.

Bill Jurgens has been a resident of Melbourne for over 20 years. After graduating from Melbourne High, he attended Jacksonville University where he received his degree in biology and was captain of the Dolphin crew. Before coming to F.I.T., Jurgens was a physical education instructor and science teacher in the secondary public school system.

During Jurgens' span at F.I.T. the crew program has developed into one of the strongest of small colleges in the nation. He still actively participates in rowing and has won a national championship in the pair-with-coxswain. He has also represented the U.S. in the World Championships.

Jurgens was recently elected to the Board of Directors for the National Association for Amateur Oarsmen. He serves as regional representative on the NAAO Junior Committee, is president of the Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association and is on the Executive Committee of the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association.



## HAPPENINGS

by Jean

**SPRING**—rebirth. This month we would like to extend a well-earned thanks to the department that keeps our campus looking "spring fresh" all year long—the Maintenance Department. We walk through the area and see the men hard at work cutting grass, keeping up the gardens, and picking up trash. This month we pay tribute to them and the crew that keeps the buildings clean and the wastebaskets emptied. See, we really do notice after all.

**BIRTHDAY TIME**—We continue on with Aries (rest of March to April 20), and our birthday people are: M. S. Barge, N. S. Birch, R. A. Brady, M. L. Bynum, C. A. Didier, R. A. Ford, K. Garver, Q. A. Hughes, G. A. Kardok, M. K. Schems, G. T. Sias, M. H. Stumph, C. L. Walus, W. H. Wesley, V. M. Harder, J. L. Gilio, W. W. Saitta, E. Hall, and J. Williamson.

The rest of April is Taurus (The Bull) from April 21 to May 21. Happy Birthday to: E. Candies, E. M. Doss, D. L. Fisher, S. V. Hawkins, A. C. Kerlo, W. C. Miller, F. Permenter, J. G. Stone, Jr., K. C. Crawford, M. D. Drake, and J. J. Thomas.

**WELCOME ABOARD TO**—new employees, and we'll try to have a full list in the next column. With vacation and all, it has been a quiet month, so a belated Easter greeting and happy days.

## BREVARD COUNTY MAY BE AIRSHIP CAPITAL

According to Louis Del Do, Head of F.I.T. Avionics Department and a consultant to Light-speed U.S.A., Inc., Brevard County may become the airship capital of the world. Lightspeed is a Swiss Dirigible Co., with its eyes on a site at Valkaria Airport.

Lightspeed officials feel the time is right for the development of cheap, modern forms of air transportation for both passengers and cargo, especially in South America and Africa. The dirigibles are not looked upon as competition to today's transportation system, but rather as a valuable addition to it.

The "trucks of the air" will be carrying industrial goods of America and Europe to Africa and South America, where they would be exchanged for natural resources.

The airships could also be used to carry passengers on cruises or maybe even as vessels for use by NASA in its space program to retrieve jettisoned fuel tanks or other materials from the Atlantic Ocean.

A taxpayer is a person who doesn't have to pass a civil service exam to work for the government.

## NEWS FROM ROTC

### MILITARY BALL

The annual ROTC Military Ball will be held May 15, 1976 at the Top of The Pines in Indian Harbour Beach. A buffet dinner will be served, followed by music for dancing provided by the Len Turner Band. The corps of cadets and all Active Army personnel look forward to a great time.

### CADETS ON SPRING FTX

Whoever heard of spending an entire week-end studying and liking it? Ninety-three cadets from the ROTC Department did just that the week-end of April 3. What they studied, learned and actually put into practice were some basic military skills. The setting for all this was very different from a classroom. It was Jensen Beach, Florida.

It was the annual spring Field Training Exercise (FTX). With their equipment on their backs, the group of cadets set off on two days of training. That training began almost immediately upon arrival Saturday morning at Jensen Beach campus. Beginning at about 8:00 a.m., classes in water-borne training, water survival and expedient rafting were given by ROTC cadre and senior cadets. These classes lasted until 2:00 p.m. That night the ROTC students practiced offensive and defensive tactics. Everyone enjoyed normal Army chow--(steak) on Saturday night. Sunday, everyone was up early again preparing to leave and in less than two hours the tents were down, the area cleaned, the buses loaded and the group on its way. It was a strenuous two days but most successful.

### SUMMER CAMPS

On June 10, twelve F.I.T. undergraduates will attend advanced military training for six weeks. All but one will undergo training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, facing a variety of stressful and demanding situations challenging their leadership ability, physical fitness, tactical and technical proficiency. One cadet will attend the more rigorous and demanding Ranger training at Fort Benning U. S. Army Ranger School for nine weeks.

After the camps, F.I.T. will have three students participating in three weeks of Army Orientation Training, during which these students will be assigned to active military units and perform many of the duties of a new second lieutenant. They will learn firsthand what it is like to be on active duty performing a specific military mission. Finally, two cadets will attend the Airborne School at Fort Benning and undergo three weeks of training to qualify them as Army parachutists.



## CREW RACES TO SEVERAL TITLES

The F.I.T. crews, both men and women, have been highly successful over the past few weekends, first in their sweep of the Governor's Cup Regatta on Saturday, April 3, when they took the overall title with a bundle of first-place finishes. They took the Varsity 8, Varsity 4, Women's Varsity 8 and the Junior Varsity races. They also took second in Freshmen 8 and third in pairs.

In all, F.I.T. collected 43 points, far outdistancing University of Tampa, which was second with 17 points. Coach Bill Jurgens, F.I.T.'s Director of Athletics and head crew coach said, "I am highly pleased with the performances of all crews, and if there is one thing I am prouder of than the rest, it's the women. It has been their goal all year to beat Tampa and they finally did it."

The next Saturday, April 10, in the 9th Miami Invitational Regatta at Marine Stadium, Miami, F.I.T. scored best in the overall eight events of the regatta. F.I.T. and their associate club, the F.I.T. Rowing Association, won five of the eight races. Again, a popular victory was that by the Women's Varsity 8. F.I.T. Varsity took the men's 4, Junior Varsity 8 and the Women's 8. F.I.T. won the men's single and the women's pairs.

On Saturday, April 17, at Disney World, F.I.T. oarsmen and women won the State Regatta for the 5th year in a row. They finished with 39 points, far ahead of the rest of the field which included F.I.T. Jensen Beach Campus and Florida Technological University, which tied for second with 24 points. In addition to again winning the women's varsity race, F.I.T. also won the men's 4 and took first place points in the singles and second place points in the men's Varsity over the 1600 meter course. (F.I.T. finished behind crews from various rowing associations in both races but only college finishers counted in the point total.)

In the Southern Intercollegiate Regatta at Stone Mountain, Ga., it was another overall title

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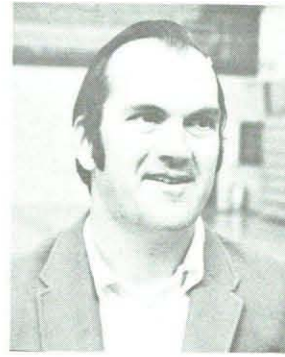
## F.I.T. FLIGHT TEAM IN NATIONAL MEET

A team from F.I.T. will be competing for the first time in the National Intercollegiate Flying Meet to be held April 29—May 2 at Daytona Beach.

The flying team, made up of members of the Alpha Eta Rho professional aviation fraternity, placed third in the Southeast Regional meet last November in competition against teams from Florida and South Georgia, according to team president Mark Mautner.

The team recently gave airplane rides and tours of the F.I.T. aviation facilities, including aircraft flight simulators used for testing and training, at Melbourne Regional Airport.

## NEW BASKETBALL COACH



Norm Cockrell

Norman R. Cockrell, well-known and highly successful high school coach, has been named Head Basketball Coach at F.I.T.. The announcement was made by newly-appointed F.I.T. Director of Athletics, Bill Jurgens. Cockrell will assume his new duties immediately, but will continue in his present position as a teacher at Satellite High School.

Norm was assistant basketball coach at Melbourne Central Catholic High for six years, during which time M.C.C. compiled a record of 110 wins and 37 losses, won a State Championship, one State Runner-up, two Regional Championships and the best overall record in South Brevard County for six straight years.

He also coached football and basketball at Melbourne High for three years and at Clinton Prairie High in Frankfort, Indiana, for four years.

Cockrell was born in Lafayette, Indiana, where he also attended high school. He graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina, in 1961 where he was an outstanding athlete, and received a B.A. degree in Physical Education and Social Studies.

He has done graduate work at Appalachian State College, Purdue University and Florida Atlantic University.

Norm, his wife, Judy, and their three children reside at 749 Renner Avenue, Melbourne.

## COMPLETES 15 YEARS WITH F.I.T.

Mrs. Eileen Hall will complete 15 years of association with the F.I.T. library on May 11. She was Director of Libraries from May, 1961—March, 1972. In 1972 she became Head of Technical Services and Lou Henson was made Director of Libraries. Mrs. Hill started in the library before F.I.T. (then Brevard Engineering College) was moved to this campus and before the library had anything but uncataloged gift books and journals—not even a typewriter.



Mrs. Eileen Hall

When the library began the entire collection consisted of about 500 used text books and a big stack of technical journals.

Our congratulations to Eileen for her loyal and uninterrupted service.





# May Calendar of Events



**MAY 1**  
TKE movie, "Duck Soup", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

**MAY 2**  
S.G.A. movie, "The Fortune", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Aud.

**MAY 3**  
F.I.T. Society for Science Fiction & Fantasy movie, "The Time Travellers", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

**MAY 5**  
Theta Xi movie, "Reincarnation of Peter Proud", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

**MAY 7**  
Pike movie, "The Guns of Navarone", 7:00 p.m. F.I.T. Auditorium.  
Crew - Dad Vail Regatta - Philadelphia, Pa.

**MAY 8**  
F.I.T. Cadet Club movie, "Duffy", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Aud.  
Crew - Dad Vail Regatta - Philadelphia, Pa.

**MAY 9**  
Mother's Day.  
S.G.A. movie, "Young Winston", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Aud.

**MAY 11**  
I.F.C. Greek Week Skits, 6:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.



The faculty, administration, and office staff were treated to an unusual luncheon extra on Tuesday, April 27. A wine and cheese tasting party was provided by the university food service management in the faculty dining room in the Student Union Building.

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with 46 points racked up by the F.I.T. men and women. Twelve colleges participated and closest competition came from The Citadel with 22 points. Florida Tech. and Rollins tied for third with 18 points apiece.

Next and final outing of the season will be on May 7 and 8 at the prestigious Dad Vail, Small College Championship Regatta in Philadelphia, Pa.

### Note:

The JBC crew team will also participate in the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia.

**MAY 14**  
Melbourne High School Modern Dance Concert, 8:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

**MAY 15**  
ROTC Military Ball, Top of the Pines, Indian Harbour Beach.

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**MAY 16**  
S.G.A. movie, "The Front Page", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Aud.

**MAY 21**  
Brevard Symphony Concert, 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

**MAY 22**  
TKE movie, "Dr. Strangelove", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Aud.

**MAY 23**  
S.G.A. movie, "Dracula", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

**MAY 25**  
S.G.A. presents Frank Hall, comedian and singer, 8:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium. F.I.T. students free, \$1.50 admission for all others.

**MAY 28**  
F.I.T. S.S.F.F. movie, "The Voyage of Sinbad", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

**MAY 29**  
F.I.T.S.S.F.F. movie, "Silent Running", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

**MAY 30**  
S.G.A. movie, "Breakout", 7:00 p.m., F.I.T. Auditorium.

**MAY 31**  
Memorial Day Holiday.

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

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