

# *the* UNDERGROUND OWL

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## STUDENTS PROTEST WILLIAMS' ACTION

... rally today at noon in quadrangle



### 'New Sun' burned Tuesday

More than 200 students crowded into the Student Publications Committee meeting in the multipurpose room of the University Center Tuesday af-

ternoon to hear President Kenneth R. Williams explain why he fired the editorial staff of the ATLANTIC SUN and seized control of the student newspaper.

When President Williams refused to give a satisfactory answer to the group, students

broke up the meeting, throwing shredded copies of the administration's newspaper in his face and later burning hundreds of copies in front of the University Center.

The impassioned student response came after fired editor

Ed Schiff directly confronted President Williams at the meeting and asked him to "at least reconsider his decision."

### BURN SUN, BURN

In a burning protest against President Kenneth Williams' refusal to reconsider his dismissal of ATLANTIC SUN editors, approximately 200 angry students threw copies of the administrative version of the SUN into a bonfire.

### Snyder gets highest raise

A hurried examination of the University Budget for the past two years has revealed gross inconsistencies and apparent favoritism in pay raises afforded certain members of the university community.

Director of University Relations Adelaide Snyder received a whopping \$3,200 boost in pay an increase of more than 19 per cent.

This compares with an average administrative dean's increase of only 6.15 per cent, giving Ms. Snyder an increase of MORE THAN THREE TIMES that of the average.

Faculty members at FAU received an average increase of 5.2 per cent.

And the next highest increase in pay went to Vice President Roger Miller, but his 7.3 increase is nearly 12 per cent less than Ms. Snyder's.

Time and space (and money conveniently denied the OWL by the administration) did not allow for a more thorough investigation of the salary increases in recent years.

But the next edition of the OWL will include a detailed break-down of salaries and raises for other administrators and the Director of University Relations.

#### BULLETIN:

Pres. Williams met  
with the Publications  
Committee today at

9:00. Another

meeting will be at  
12:30 today. He has  
indicated he may  
reconsider his

"irrevocable" position  
on the firing of  
Sun editors.

### Kunstler set for Monday

William M. Kunstler, the celebrated defense attorney for the Chicago Seven will visit FAU Monday, May 7 during an afternoon rally.

He was contacted by the "FAU Three" to speak against press suppression.

Nicknamed a "people's lawyer," due to his history of defending political dissenters, campus activists, and militant poor, Kunstler has dedicated his energy and time towards protecting the rights of unpopular clients since the early 60's. At this time he became involved in the trials of civil rights defendants throughout the South.

His clients have included the Berrigans, Catholic priests convicted of napalming Selective Service files; Stokely Carmichael, arrested for civil rights agitation in Alabama; Adam Clayton Powell, fighting his exclusion from the U.S. Congress; H. Rap Brown, accused of inciting a riot in Maryland; Black Panther Bobby Lee Williams, accused of assaulting with intent to kill a police officer in New Jersey and most famously the Chicago Seven, during whose trial Judge Julius Hoffman sentenced Mr. Kunstler to four years and thirteen days in federal prison for contempt of court.

He accepted no fee from such defendants as the Chicago Seven and comes to FAU for satisfaction and the issue—no bread.



# Owl Report

The president of Florida Atlantic University has taken an immoral, illegal, and unprecedented step in seizing the student newspaper.

He has used his office virtually as a club, wielding it with as much force and violence in a most militant of militant acts.

Maxims that may yet be born out in relation to the Atlantic Sun seizure situation are these—1) violence begets violence; 2) suppression begets violence.

Just as Benito Mussolini, Czar Nicolas, and King Louis XV of France learned the hard way, it appears FAU President Kenneth R. Williams is leading a course toward a similar end, but, of course, on a lesser scale.

Dr. Williams will not wind up with his genitals in his mouth and public torture as did Mussolini. He will not be rifled down as was Czar Nicolas. He will not lose his head as did Louis XV.

But he has abused his power, been inconsiderate of appeals by the masses, and stirrings of physical violence seem in the offing if he does not reconsider his adamant stand on being editor and publisher of the Atlantic Sun.

There was near physical violence Tuesday when students pelted the university president with verbal abuses and torn copies of the Atlantic Sun he allegedly edited.

It seems a great human failing; a precarious part of that great complex called human nature that leads a man when he gains a "position" to think any decision he makes is irrevocable.

Joe Valachi, when he reported to a Senate sub-committee on activities of the underworld was asked why anyone would want to head one of the leading organized crime families when the head invariably gets assassinated.

"It's human nature," Mr. Valachi replied, "everyone of them thinks 'it can't happen to me'."

Dr. Williams on Wednesday called in members of the FAU community outside of his administration who he has trusted previously in tight situations. He called on them before when his closest advisers in the administration apparently failed him. He is at last considering that the advice of his vice presidents and the director of university relations, on whom he greatly depended when making his decision to seize the Atlantic Sun, might have been wrong.

President Nixon, some analysts have reported was led astray by his top administration advisors about the Watergate incident. The advisors wanted to tell him what he wanted to hear. They wanted to keep their jobs and he wanted favorable reports. President Nixon got the reports he wanted, several analysts reported, and then determined the Washington Post was leading a personal vendetta against him.

It was a similar case with presidents Kennedy and Johnson. The top military aides kept telling them they were winning the Vietnam war. This is what the presidents wanted to hear. They were deceived.

President Williams has apparently been deceived if his aides advised him that by executing a fast-moving coup on a Friday afternoon the incident would be forgotten by Monday. Students haven't forgotten. The faculty hasn't forgotten. The Steering and Policy Committee of the University Senate Wednesday voted to condemn President Williams on his action.

The university president was greatly upset by exposures made in the Atlantic Sun about his long-time friend, loyal though at times overzealous, consultant Adelaide Snyder, the director of university relations.

Dr. Williams wanted to do something definitive on Ms. Snyder's behalf. He accepted the advice of Administrative Affairs Vice President Roger Miller. It was Mr. Miller who once sought to make a hearty impression on former Atlantic Sun Editor Ed Schiff that few people really read his paper and fewer cared the least about it. Dr. Williams believed Mr. Miller.

It is hoped Dr. Williams will see that he may have been misadvised by administrators who told him what he wanted to hear. It is another human failing that leaders and subordinates get patterned to such interaction. It is a human failing that Joe Valachi described—the belief that "It can't happen to me."

Dr. Williams should now reconsider. If not in the light of new evidence and proposals brought to him, then with this consideration—IT CAN HAPPEN HERE!

## students guard FAU Flag lowered to half mast in Monday's protest

The UNDERGROUND OWL is the only student written, student edited and student published newspaper at Florida Atlantic University. It really does not reflect the views of the administration, nor necessarily those of the entire student body. But it is free, and as long as we keep getting donations and your support it will continue to be published every Monday and Thursday of the school year.

The following students are helping put the OWL out.  
EDITORS: Ed Schiff, Carin Litman, Tom Vickers

REPORTERS AND CONTRIBUTORS: Shirley Williams, Terre Cleveland, Debbie Rosenthal, Caren Greger, Rosemary Gehl, Jeff Larson, Art Seitz, Bill Kelly, Kevin Young, John Keplinger...and a host of others.

# Guest Commentary

By Chip Fuller

FAU Student Activist



There is so much to be said. The so much to do. There are so many questions to be answered. There are so many students who are being slapped in the face and could care less. For those students, I offer you my profound pity. Not only are you so wrapped

up in your little rat-race world that you neglect your basic rights, but by your disgusting apathetic non-action you are condemning the rest of the students of FAU to a puppet newspaper. You people are the administration's trump. To the many students I have

met with, rallied with, and spoken to in the past few days, I would like to say you are some of the finest people I've ever met. You've given me encouragement to keep the struggle alive. It can't die. Not now. Our main goal now should be keeping this free paper in existence. It is our only means of communication without being stifled by a dictatorial administration.

This means money. More than one hundred dollars per issue is needed until SGA can come up with a permanent funding structure. DORM Council and dorm student have started a fantastic fundraising campaign. We need involvement from all areas of campus activity. Phi Mu, Blue Key, Circle K, ATO, Delta Sig... where are you?

Don't be misled. There will soon be some student who will be delighted to be Dr. Williams' puppet editor. But the old Atlantic Sun is defunct—no longer your newspaper. It's imperative that we demand a cessation of student fund allocations for its continuance.

Any student who is confused or who has questions to ask can find answers at our rallies. The SGA office in the University Center has been made official OWL headquarters. But sometimes, offices just aren't enough. I care too much to let anyone go uninformed so call me at home with your questions. My number is 395-7534, and what I don't know, I can certainly find out.

## Letter to the editor

To the Editor,  
Dear Sir,

I wish to call your attention to a gross usurpation of administrative power. I am a student and represent our student body as an Associate Justice on our Supreme Court. Last Friday, April 17, the President of Florida Atlantic University, with no prior notice dismissed the editor and both associate editors of our school newspaper, the ATLANTIC SUN.

It is an integral part of our Student Bill of Rights which establishes the procedure by which an administrator should conduct his affairs with students. President Williams signed this document and has for the most part conducted his business within its guidelines. Last Friday afternoon, with his firing of Editor Ed Schiff, and Associate Editors Tom Vickers and Carin Litman, Dr. Williams completely bypassed our student rights.

Since this abridgement of our rights, we have been able to set up a temporary free press, supported solely by contributions. We have approached President Williams and have requested some explanation, to no avail. Today, May 1, President Williams addressed the Student Publications Committee, who according to the University Charter, is normally concerned with the appointment and dismissal of editor and his associates. President Williams' question and answer session was a complete farce. I have never really seen a more rhetorical exhibit in my life. It truly shows the meaning of the word.

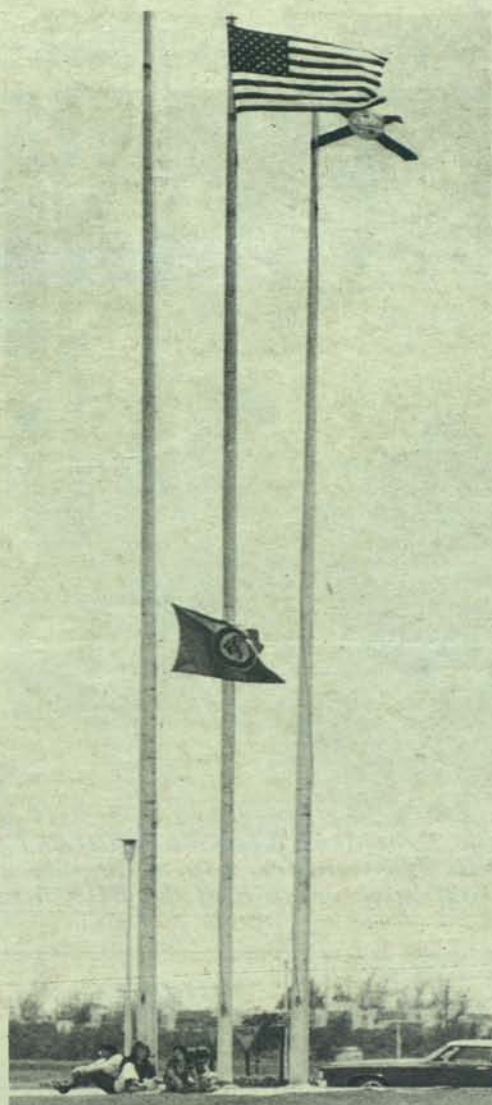


Photo by  
John Keplinger

Any member of the FAU community can contribute to the UNDERGROUND OWL just as any member of the community was allowed to contribute to the Atlantic Sun in its freer days.

The Student Government Association office, second floor of the University Center, is the drop spot for stories.

The SGA office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.



# 'I'll keep open mind' says incoming Prexy

"I am coming to FAU with an open mind as the status of the ATLANTIC SUN and the three editors recently fired," said Dr. Glenwood Creech, newly appointed president of Florida Atlantic University.

Dr. Creech, who will take the helm of FAU July 1, told the UNDERGROUND OWL that he would be willing to discuss the matter with the ousted editors "on an informal basis" the next time he visits FAU.

Current President Dr. Kenneth

R. Williams has refused to reconsider his position saying, "My decision is irrevocable...any further discussion would be inane."

Dr. Creech talked to the OWL late Tuesday night following Dr. Williams' meeting with the Student Publications Committee in which ex-editor Ed Schiff made a plea for Dr. Williams to reconsider his action.

Dr. Williams refused. "One of the first things I will do is make a thorough study of publications at

FAU," Dr. Creech said.

He indicated that he would appoint a committee composed of students and faculty to determine who should have final say regarding all student publications.

Dr. Creech emphasized that he was not coming to FAU determined to stand behind the decision made by President Williams.

When told that his statement to local news media caused some students to believe that he would stick by Dr. Williams' decision, Dr. Creech said "that was a wrong impression."

Dr. Creech was quoted in local papers as saying he was sure Dr. Williams made the decision after long and careful consideration.

"I meant I am sure Dr. Williams made an 'agonizing' decision after a lot of thought," Dr. Creech said, "not that his decision was right or wrong."

"I probably should have said no comment and let it go at that," Dr. Creech said, "but since I did say what I did, it should be made clear I am not defending an administrative decision made by Dr. Williams."

Dr. Creech did say, however, he personally felt student newspapers should be independent of administrative control or influence.

He said one alternative would have newspapers totally independent and not receiving student activities fees, although he would not rule out the possibility of having student activities money go to totally finance an "independent" student newspaper.

"I'll have to familiarize myself with the FAU campus before I can make any important decisions," Dr. Creech said.

He did indicate, however, that he would work within the existing procedural guidelines and seek the advice and opinions of students and faculty.

Dr. Williams ignored proper channels by summarily dismissing the three ATLANTIC SUN editors without notifying the Publications Committee and has denied them the right of appeal, guaranteed all students in the Student Bill of Rights, saying his decision cannot be changed.



## Would you buy a newspaper from this man?

Neither will FAU students, and more than 200 of them burned copies of the ATLANTIC SUN at the entrance of the University Center Tuesday, May 1. The burning followed a two hour Student Publications Committee meeting at which Dr. Williams refused to reconsider his firing of the SUN editorial staff and administrative take-over of the supposedly student newspaper.

## Your Own Thing opens May 11

This joyful, modern rock-musical version of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" has been one of the most successful musicals to reach American stage in years. It was the first off-Broadway musical to win the N.Y. Drama Critic Circle award and it had nine hundred performances with capacity audiences. Now it will open at FAU on the main stage May 11th with Dr. Thurman Stanback directing.

Even though it is referred to as a rock musical it does have sensitive ballad and Portia Ogbu as Olivia sings a blues melody.

"Your Own Thing" is a multimedia show. Slides will be used with taped voices of characters such as Queen Elizabeth; Shakespeare; Humphrey Bogard; and many others.

revolt against the "societal status-quo" and a belief in an emphasis put upon individualism.

FAU'S PRODUCTION SET DESIGNER has constructed a set of connecting platforms painted black. The set is open, allowing flexibility and fluidity of movement.

When Beverly Thomas was asked about style of her costumes she said, "Jokingly, I based them on real groups and real people."

Mr. Phillips said that his role has been a real challenge.

Watching rehearsals it was obvious that the actors energy is up and they are ready to go.

Tickets are now on sale. "Your Own Thing" will play May 11, 12, and 15 through 19, with an 8:30 curtain. There will be a Mat. May 13 at 2:30.

## Guest Commentary

By Jason Goodman  
FAU Student

Tuesday with my dad, the publisher...

Over the years, I have made it a point to stop off before class and have coffee with my dad, the publisher. We usually sit around reading the paper and discussing current events pertaining to the university family, oh! pardon me, I forgot to mention, my dad is also the godfather. Anyway, we sip coffee and tell bullshit stories about relations and truth.

Well, Tuesday morning was rather confusing, things were different, I opened my morning paper, THE ATLANTIC SNIDERSUN and found a second newspaper inside of it! This of course was strange, so I asked the old man: "Yeah dad, why is this other paper inside of yours?"

"Ah, just ignore that, son, it's just some crap from the other side of the family. I took your funds away from them but they still screw around, printing merit and

journalistic responsibility."

"But it's another newspaper dad, I thought you had the only one?"

"I do, but I am telling you the truth. That paper has grammatical errors, spelling mistakes and rumor mongering on every page, besides that no one on its staff has 'a place in the snidersun.' They are of innuendo and they are full of Schiff!" (I heard the last word dad bellowed, his pronunciation off; other than that he said nothing so I proceeded to comment on the UNDERGROUND OWL.)

"Dad, this paper is quite as bad as the ATLANTIC FAMILY SNIDERSUN for grammatical errors or spelling mistakes, but just listen to what it has to say on behalf of the student interest rather than administrative..."

"Give me that Goddamn thing!...now drink your coffee and stop asking questions, everything we want you to know will be in the ATLANTIC FAMILY SNIDERSUN." It's your paper, now read it!

"But dad?"

"I said no, remember that."

(Well, that was Tuesday and today is Thursday, my dad the publisher is still locked in his office with OUR paper.)

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I am writing this letter as one of our last resorts. President Williams has closed all avenues of discourse. We no longer have any appeal procedure, all University Committees no longer have any say.

Gary Rackear



Art Buchwald

## Buchwald visits FAU campus Wed., May 10

BY KEVIN YOUNG  
OWL Contributor

Art Buchwald, a well known columnist, and leading exponent of governmental reorganization is the next speaker sponsored by FAU's Culture and Entertainment Forum Committee.

Mr. Buchwald is scheduled to speak in the Quadrangle, May 10 at 3:00 p.m.

According to one co-worker, "Art Buchwald works in a small airless room on the top of the Washington Monument. Subsisting on nothing but orange juice and black cof-

fee...he continues to turn out his column written on the back of old White House press releases."

He has been a columnist with the Washington Post, the Chicago Sun Times, Pravda and Izvestia. The latter two being newspapers in the Soviet Union.

One of the most impressive additions to his literary works is...And Then I Told the President (1965).

Well known for his satirical wit he is quoted once as saying "Lyndon Johnson was always a big help to me and he deserves a great deal of credit for anything I accomplished."

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# Hardman, Fuller seek SGA prexy

Elections have taken a backseat to the publications furor, but filling began as scheduled Monday morning. The deadline for application for candidacy is May 8.

Applications should be turned in to the SGA office on the second floor of the University Center.

Until tomorrow's University Senate meeting, SGA senate openings will be unclear.

Under a proposed amendment to the present charter, the composition of the Senate would be changed to match the requirements set in the new constitution.

If this amendment passes, nine at-large senate seats will be filled. If it is defeated, the old charter's rules will be unchanged and 12 college seats will be up for election.

Meanwhile, the race for executive office has begun.

Jim Hardman, a member of the student senate and of the Student Publications Committee, was first to file for the presidency.

Chip Fuller came close behind.

He is a past senator and newly-elected chairman of the Student Personnel and Affairs Committee (SPAC).

Senate Chairman John McGhee is so far alone in his application for the vice presidency.

Cathy Cunningham, elected to the senate last November from the College of Humanities, will seek re-election regardless of the composition decision.

Members of the senate election committee foresee a full slate this season.

Major changes in the election procedure have been drafted and accepted by the senate body.

Reversing a year-old doctrine that candidates must not support candidates seeking other office, the senate passed a committee recommendation that open endorsements and campaign coalitions be permitted even though balloting will be handled separately.

Voting will take place on Monday and Tuesday, May 15 and 16.



## Writes letter to President

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Dr. Williams refused. Mr. Schiff asked him why he would not at least take the opinions of the committee and students into consideration before making his decision irrevocable.

Again Dr. Williams refused to discuss his decision, and Mr. Schiff then told him he must withdraw from the university, not only because his salary helped support him but because he "could not live in an atmosphere of dictatorial power and total disregard for human rights as it exists at FAU."

At that point Publications Committee Chairperson Betty Wonnacott announced that she would not serve under such conditions and resigned.

Students then started yelling comments to Dr. Williams, asking that he "tell the truth," and "tell us why you did it."

# SGA condemns Williams' action

While taking decisive and condemnatory action against the ouster of the senior editorial staff of the campus newspaper, the SGA Senate has decided to remain intact.

Senate chairman John McGhee appealed to the body to remain functioning rather than resign although the alternative had been previously suggested.

Advocates of a mass resignation just weeks before the SGA election pointed out that a university without an established student government must close down.

The senators felt they could retain a posture of viable input-output conversation between students and faculty and chose instead to remain intact.

Sen. McGhee stated in his appeal to keep the Senate together, "If there's any student leadership left, it's probably in the Senate and if they resign in a number of minutes people will fill the positions they vacate."

Several senators joined the ranks of unpaid campus reporters this weekend and rallied to keep the UNDERGROUND OWL from following its predecessor. Their support of free press has been swift, unified and unanimous.

Legislation condemning Dr. Williams' action and his subsequent editions of the SUN and

supporting the OWL were passed swiftly.

Sen. Ken Beaudry wrote one letter to Dr. Williams denouncing his action and commented to the OWL staff, "I'm extremely appalled at the situation. It strikes at the heart of a democratic society. The president followed no due process in his dismissal of the editors."

Other senators attending the crucial yet meaningless session of the Student Publications Committee responded, some eloquently and some emotionally, in horror.

Sen. Jim Hardman, a member of the Publications Committee, foretold the downfall of the university system and possibly of truth itself with the denial of a free press.

Yet even in the view of administrative obstinance, many retained memories of past respect for President Williams. Sen. John Gilmore, recalling a recent debate over the abolition of grade point requirements for SGA officeholders, commented, "I find it difficult to understand how a man who recently did the students a 'favor' by not vetoing the 'no GPA requirement bill' could seemingly unjustly take over the student newspaper without some amount of outside pressure."

## SPORTS

# Second straight loss for FAU softballers

BY BILL KELLY  
OWL Sports Staff

FAU lost its second straight Florida Major Softball League contest last Sunday when Pro-Security, a Delray Beach all-star team, exploded for 11 runs in the first two innings before finally spanking the Owls' 14 to 1.

Coach Allen Rice was called on to pitch when the Owls' ace pitcher Paco Shipp was unable to play because of illness.

Rice probably hopes it was his first and last performance on the

pitching mound as the security men had no sympathy scoring six runs in the first.

Before Rice had time to regain his composure the Delray Beach all-stars belted in five more runs taking a 11-0 lead.

FAU scored its only run of the long afternoon in the third inning when Bill LeFevers hit a sacrifice fly to left scoring Ray Ciardello from third.

With the score 11-1 after the two and one-half innings it looked as though the security team might reach triple figures.

Shortstop Al Dosal who was nursing a bruised shoulder started

the game in centerfield in order to avoid further injury.

Fortunately for FAU it was not Dosal's right shoulder that was hurt as Rice called on the Owl captain to pitch.

Dosal responded like a professional as he controlled the Delray team for three innings.

In the sixth the Owls' were guilty of committing two errors mixed with four security base hits enabled the all-stars to push across three more runs making the score 14 to 1.

This Sunday the Owls' battle Wentworth Plastering at 4:30 on the FAU softball field.



Lambda Chi Alpha

## Supports fired editors

# Studio One TV Goes on air

Studio One, formerly STP, will begin broadcasting on Tuesday, May 8. Under the direction of students Mary Beth Widmayer and Joe Widenmayer and faculty advisor Dr. Robert Sadowski, Studio One will air a 30-minute program three days a week, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The show will be broadcast from 12:30 p.m. until 1 p.m.

Ms. Widmayer, co-director, has expressed her support and the support of Studio One for the newly established UN-

DERGROUND OWL.

"STP is almost the only outlet a student will have to express himself," Ms. Widmayer commented. "It's apparent now that they (the administration) have the right to cancel our programming because of the incident with the ATLANTIC SUN."

Ms. Widmayer continued, "So each show we put on the air will be censored, I'm sure, by the administration, if only by virtue of the fact that we know that they can cancel our broadcast."

Plans to allow student opinion to be expressed through Studio One have been formulated by Ms. Widmayer, Mr. Widenmayer, and Dr. Sadowski.

Interested students may contact Ms. Widmayer at FAU extension 2025, Joe Widenmayer at 392-6495, or may attend Studio One's weekly meeting on Wednesdays at 12:30 in the Rathskeller.

There are plans for a discussion between Joy Shearer, President of Student Government Association and John McGhee, Chairman of the SGA Senate, for the first program on Tuesday.

"They will discuss future plans in order that students may have more power in their right to speak and proposals for the betterment of everyone at Florida Atlantic," stated Ms. Widmayer.

Also scheduled for their first program on Tuesday are Fat John on guitar and a scene from the upcoming theater production of "Your Own Thing" with Dr. Thurmon Stanback and Sonja Economou.

Studio One will urge student support of the UNDERGROUND OWL and encourage contributions to continue its publication.

## AFT votes support to Schiff

The Florida Atlantic University Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 1880, expresses disappointment and wishes to protest the actions of FAU President Kenneth R. Williams in his arbitrary dismissal of the ATLANTIC SUN editor and two associate editors, in that it is apparently in violation of due process.

We urge reconsideration of his position, re-examination of the specifics of his accusations against Ed Schiff, Tom Vickers, and Carin Litman.

The Executive Committee  
FAU Chapter, American Federation of Teachers, Local 1880