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Florida Institute of Technology occupies a unique niche in the world of higher education. Founded in 1958 to train scientists and engineers for the infant space program, it has an origin unlike any other university in the world. The Space Shuttle Columbia was chosen for the cover because of its dramatic impact on space technology. It also serves as a reminder of F.I.T.'s origins and stands as a symbol that space exploration is an endeavor that encompasses all disciplines.
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Work, recreation, and extracurricular activities, are things that F.I.T. students who manage their time well can experience and still not suffer from “Burnout.”
The area between the SIB and the library is familiar to all of us at F.A.I.T. It serves as a place for students to chat, or build up each others confidence for the impending exam. It's also a transit point for people walking to and from classes. Another interesting feature is that it's a great place for a photographer to stalk his unsuspecting prey.
Work-study in the lab, resting between classes, practice for the jazz band, studying in the library, tossing a frisbee, and receiving that all-important "care package" are just a few of the many facets of life at F.I.T.
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This year the Marine Fields program centered on monitoring the 2.1 mile section of beach from Indiatantic southwards, which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers “nourished” by depositing sand. The summer program also included field and laboratory work in biological, chemical, physical, and geological oceanography and coastal engineering.

Highlighting the summer’s work was a trip to Deep Water Cay in the Bahamas. One way transportation was furnished by F.I.T. Aviation and by Capt. Jack of the F.I.T. research vessel Turrump. While aboard ship, students were able to familiarize themselves with actual oceanographic procedures.

While snorkeling, the students were exposed to the complex ecological system of the coral reefs at Deep Water Cay. Completing the program was a two day seminar in which each student gave an oral presentation on an aspect of the summer’s work.

Special thanks to the Deep Water Cay Bonefish Club for housing and putting up with us. (Text and photographs by Jeff Vayda.)
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I sincerely hope you enjoy the book, or at least a reasonable portion of it.

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