

Florida Sun Warms Twisting Teens, Shivering Swimmers

By KAY MILLS

Florida, land of underwater basketweaving 409, was the destination point of snow-blinded students heading south 10 days ago. And Florida was there waiting—with open arms and open cash registers.

Barefoot twisting in the street and limbo contests on the beach were the order of the day at Ft. Lauderdale. Two Penn State sophomores, Judy Gardner and Trudy Rohrer, estimated that

6,000 students jammed Ft. Lauderdale's quiet streets. "We met people from 31 colleges in one week, and about 2,500 from Ohio State alone," Miss Gardner said.

THE LOCAL CHIEF of police issued a statement last week in which he said there had been less than \$50 damage in the city, she added. His statement also commended the students on their behavior. He did say, however, that extra cleaning groups had to be added to clear cluttered Elbo Beach, she reported.

who took to the highways not leading to Ft. Lauderdale? They only heard the rumblings from the twisting in the streets of that youth-infested city. Undaunted, they continued through the Peach State toward the Gulf of Mexico and Pensacola, Fla.

At least one carload of sun-worshipping coeds opened the swimming season March 21 in an unusually choppy gulf. They found the Florida weather delightful—the one day the sun was shining.

AND WHEN THAT sun set. But what happened to those they went to see local color at

Trader Jon's in downtown Pensacola. When the Yankees arrived, however, they found there were more people seeking atmosphere than those providing it.

Sightseers, it seems, add little to local color spots. As a result, one old Navy man was heard to

complain that the place certainly was "not what it used to be."

Remembering the melting snow left on campus proved a chore while driving along azalea edged streets. Even the most meager homes had flowers to turn northern gardeners green.

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