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FIU office launches in Washington DC

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FIU in DC, the University’s opening of an office space in Washington D.C., offers the 305 flavor to the 202 community.

FIU in DC is a research-driven solutions center that aims to expand partnerships and create greater opportunities in the nation’s capital for students, faculty and the South Florida community. "With Washington, D.C. as a significant source of change and action, it is critical that FIU deepens its presence in D.C. to advance FIU’s federal initiatives, create new win-win partnerships, connect students to great jobs and expand research funding," said FIU President Mark Rosenberg during the opening.

The University kicked off FIU in DC Launch Week held in Washington, D.C., with a thematic series of research discussions on national and global issues, networking events and an opportunity for students and alumni to engage with national leaders.

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Democrats narrows their focus to pass gun-control measures

Gun control advocates, who have failed for decades to impose broad limits on weapons purchases, may finally have hit upon a winning strategy as they push for a narrower ban on gun sales to suspected terrorists.

Compared with previous attempts to impose universal background checks or restrict gun show transactions, the new push has two features that make it more politically palatable: It would apply to a very small group of people instead of to all Americans; and it is tied to the nation’s broader anti-terrorist initiatives.

US in diplomatic talks with Venezuela while backing recall referendum

The reopening of diplomatic talks with Venezuela won’t clash with the Obama administration’s support of a recall referendum that could oust President Nicolas Maduro, a top U.S. diplomat said Friday.

Thomas Shannon, the U.S. undersecretary of state for political affairs, described Wednesday’s talks with Maduro as a first step toward finding common ground with the Venezuelan government. But Shannon emphasized that the administration would not back off on pledges to support an opposition organization of American States investigation into the erosion of democratic institutions in Venezuela.

Clinton toys with the idea of two women on the Democratic ticket

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SGC-BBC interviews for cabinet positions

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One of the highlighted conversations was by Susan Goldberg, the first woman editor in chief of National Geographic Magazine, who spoke on “Equity and Equality of the Sexes in Communication: Are women getting there?” analyzing the role of women in the communications industry.

As a woman in communications, the equity and equality of the sexes in communication panel was the most influential for me. The panel opened my eyes to a lot of unique realities that women face in the workplace. I took a lot of their advice into the way I now carry myself in my career. The panelists were incredibly bold and assertive, and I was deeply inspired,” said Natasha Roque, a FIU student and the communications fellow for the FIU Office of Federal Relations in Washington, D.C.

Other discussions, in the events throughout the week, included strategies to mitigate cyber threats, solutions on resilience on coastal ecosystems and sea level rise.

Another highlighted topic of discussion was the role Hispanics play in the 2016 Presidential Election, examining the current patterns of Hispanic voter behavior and the impact of Hispanic voters in the U.S.

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FIU in DC was made possible by several sponsors and donors, including Maria Elena Toroño who specializes in federal government services and the small business sector. Toroño has made a multi-year commitment to FIU’s vision for Washington, with special emphasis on women’s leadership.

During the launch week, she led a special discussion “Lessons in Leadership: What Washington Taught Me,” where she talked about her years of experience working in corporate America, the federal government and the small business sector.

Funded by Toroño, the university plans to launch the Maria Elena Toroño Leadership Initiative in Washington, which will establish new programs to advance Miami’s profile in the nation’s capital and empower students as they enter the workforce.

“Through my partnership with FIU, I am keeping my commitment to be a part of the development of the next generation of leaders among my commitment to be a part of youth,” said Toroño.

This tireless advocate and business leader is now poised to make history by supporting FIU’s mission of being a Worlds Ahead research and leadership center.

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EDUCATING THE MAJORS

As the LGBTQ community continues to grow across our nation, many questions surrounding gender identity of students in schools are popping up.

A question that seems to resound through school hallways and faculty rooms is as follows: in reference to locker rooms and restrooms use, which gender will individuals of the transgender community identify with? What problems, if any, can this potentially cause to the student population and our school community?

Can this affect school funding?

The U.S. Department of Education has answers for you. On May 13, 2016, USA Today’s Gregory Korte addressed the public regarding these same questions and what exactly the U.S. government is doing about it. The Department of Education informed public schools nationwide that students are allowed to use locker rooms and restrooms “consistent with their gender identity.” A big step forward in America’s continued growth of gender identity and the LGBTQ community.

The Department of Education came to this conclusion based on the review of Title IX, the 1972 law that prohibits discrimination based on sex, as reported by USA Today.

In reference to school events where sex-segregated activities would occur, USA Today reports that the U.S. Department of Education states that all transgender students must be permitted to participate in such school functions.

Furthermore, this principle, carried out by the Obama Administration, also falls into the category of extracurricular activities and sports. Korte reports that parallel to the Department of Education’s statement, transgender students may participate in such activities.

However, if they are sex-segregated, the coach and school must understand that there is a difference between transgender students and other students of the same sex.

As of today, this policy is only in effect throughout public schools nationwide. This includes all institutions receiving federal funding such as public universities, trade schools, museums and libraries.

If you are a student and have received gender assignment that you do not feel comfortable with, it is your legal right to change your gender assignment. Transgender students have the option to stay in the school where they are or they may transfer to a school that is more comfortable for them.

Schools are encouraged to comply, failure to adhere to Title IX can and will result in the loss of funding for the institution. Jessica Torres, an FIU senior studying elementary education, believes that when it comes to the classroom, discrimination of any kind shouldn’t occur.

“Feel that transgender students deserve the same respect and opportunity as every other and any student on school grounds. Any form of discrimination will not be tolerated in my classroom,” Torres said to Student Media.

“School is a place to learn: a place for opportunities, to explore and think creatively. Nothing should hold back any students, especially gender identity discrimination.”

This re-evaluation of Title IX is a step forward, not only to the LGBTQ community, but also for civil rights.

We are lucky enough to live in a country where we are free. That being said, no one should ever feel trapped in their own skin.

For the full story, visit fiusm.com.

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FIU in DC, a questionable move

An FIU center in Washington, D.C. was launched the week of June 6, with the help of several donors and sponsors. Various seminars were held from June 6-10, exercising the office’s potential to be a thinktank and networking venue.

There is little information online for the thousands of members of the FIU community based in Miami to form a definitive stance on the new office and determine it’s purpose. The official website for the project, washingtondc.fiu.edu, claims that FIU intends to “provide competitive advantage for our students, faculty and alumni; access to thought leaders; one-of-a-kind learning experiences; and amplify our voice in national dialogue,” with the space.

We need to anticipate what decide what the office can potentially become for FIU, other than to space a network. This, in itself, is a problem especially when considering the undisclosed cost to build the office.

While the office seems to have been funded mostly by sponsors and donors, notably from Miami, founder of the National Hispanic Leadership Institute, we wonder if these funds could have been put to better use.

A member of the FIU Student Media editorial board has personally been to the site and feels apprehensive about the range of benefits for students. We fear this may be another initiative which the University promotes as beneficial for students, but fails to show any real benefit other than being good publicity. Only a portion of FIU students will be able to fit from the new office, based on their interest in politics, and even an smaller demographic of those students will even be chosen for the competitive D.C. internship.

The internship offers members $500 per week, and the opportunity underwrite to arrange their own housing. Regardless, this is a unique opportunity for FIU students who are interested in government and advocacy.

The DC office is being promoted as a space to network and think, though FIU may have overlooked that brains are not limited to physical walls. It is the thought of this editorial board that there are many local mind entrees that should be explored before expanding into other states, especially when considering only a handful of students will be chosen for the internship.

We wonder whether the office will surpass its opportunity cost or if bringing the 365 to the 202 will deprive students on campus of potential funding for local possibilities.
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The Frost Art Museum opened the doors to its newest exhibit in the Summer of Women Series titled “Suddenly Last Summer” Saturday, June 18.
Klaudio Rodriguez, the Frost’s curator, invited Adrienne Rose Gionta, to curate an exhibition for the museum’s “The Summer of Women” series. Rodriguez asked the independent artist and curator to work with him because he wanted to display an exhibit that was created by women and that celebrated women in art.

For her exhibit, Gionta looked to a 1984 song titled, “Suddenly Last Summer” by a band called The Motels for inspiration, and searched for artists who related to her interpretation of the song. Gionta selected three artists, Donna Haynes, Leah Brown and Michelle Weinberg, and asked them to listen to the song and design an installation that reflected their interpretation of it.

The next room hosts Weinberg’s whimsical collages of color and geometric shapes. Gionta explained that Weinberg’s room represented “a place for a moment and a time, like a makeshift artist residency.”

The final room in the exhibit is home to Brown’s work which consists of 13 black, laser-cut museum boards that represent scenes of Florida wildlife, in what she calls, “The Land of Eternal Summer.”

Haynes’ room is the first in the exhibit. Her pieces are reminiscent of a young girl’s bedroom, and they reflect the purity and innocence of “cheesy and idealized summer romance,” said Haynes.

Haynes’ exhibit is the second installation in the “Summer of Women” series, and will be open until Sept. 18.

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Jordana Pomeroy, director of the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, announced definite plans to open a café at the museum. “You get all the benefits and there’s a whole list of it. You get to come to members-only openings and [it] makes you eligible for all kinds of things. Soon, actually, discounts. We’re going to have a café here, and you’ll have a discount in the café.”

Anticipated to be complete by September, this café can offer even more if you’re a member of the museum. The membership includes free unlimited admission, discounts on ticketed programs, exhibit previews and much more.

Pomeroy wants to rally more support for the arts but specifically with students because, “It is really important that we grow our membership. Your dollars make a huge impact on this museum.” said Pomeroy.

She also shared that she would like to see more students get involved with the Frost Museum. For the full story, visit fiusm.com.
The growing support for the minor came from the students here at FIU. With dance shows put on every semester, more and more people came to see what these dancers have to offer and why they wanted this minor under their belt.

Throughout the semester, dance concerns were held and featured many pieces with genres such as tango, modern, contemporary and even films of dances previously created for festivals. The shows often packed a full house with some audience members standing, just to see what students had to show.

“Knowledge gained from our graduates and future leaders will/will demonstrate how the multi-disciplinary art form can be utilized within modern economies.”

Patient believes, “The dance minor was to graduate our students with the ability to communicate, collaborate, create and inspire effectively with a diverse group of individuals.

“There are currently 22 students enrolled in the dance minor program, Critical Patient hopes that number will grow exponentially.

“The minor offers master classes, performances (three times an academic year) and creative opportunities. New relationships are being forged between the program and the Honors College (dance club), Dance Marathon, Miami City Ballet, bridging the gap between South Florida University dance programs, [and] other local artists and alumni,” Patient states.

Every show is free and open to the public.

The ultimate goal is “for these dancers to be able to show their talents, and inspire others to join this program as well,” said professor Patient.

With only 15 credits needed, professor Patient affirms that a dance minor can help with almost any career field, and hopes that more people will see the need to keep it alive at FIU.

“I believe the dance program at FIU creates an opportunity for all of our students to investigate cultural diversity, ideas, think sustainably and to express themselves clearly and confidently.” Patient says.

“The program is a seemingly disparate pieces into a meaningful whole.”

If you are interested in enrolling into the dance minor program, email Critical Patient at cpatient@fiu.edu. Students browse the related dance courses in the course catalog found [here].

“[There will be no audition process for the program. Once the student has completed the paperwork and is officially a dance minor, they will contact me to discuss goals and aspirations regarding the program."

Patient assures Continuing, “Joe Murray, chair of the theater department, and I have been developing and participating in bringing dance courses to the forefront of FIU’s educational mission.” She informs us, “By creating an online and hybrid dance appreciation course, dance at FIU is reaching our students far beyond the classrooms/studios and leading them into the forefront of higher academics of the 21st century.”

South Florida Supercon returns for 11th year

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Supercon, a gathering place for geeks of all kinds, and declared the biggest convention in Florida, will be hosted in the Miami Beach Convention Center.

“This will be our 11th year” said Sara Mineo, communications coordinator on the Florida Supercon staff.

Their site states, “Florida Supercon was founded in 2006 by Mike Broder. The first Florida Supercon event was hosted on November 3-5, 2006 at The Hollywood Beach Resort in Hollywood, FL. The first Florida Supercon had an estimated 1,500 attendees.”

From there, Supercon moved several times before finding a place to remain in, for some years to come. They switched locations in its first years from the Fort Lauderdale Marriott North, to the Hyatt Regency Bonaventure in Weston, then finally settling at the Miami Airport Convention Center its fourth year.

In its sixth year, the convention increased from three days to four. The convention got so popular, it had to be moved to the Miami Beach Convention Center, maintaining its four-day run period.

The convention’s staff plans for and feature many things at the convention throughout the four days, such as “celebrity guests, comic book creators, voice actors, industry guests, cosplayers, artists, writers, panels, Q&A’s, films & shorts, costume & cosplay contests, vendors, parties, anime, workshops, video gaming and more!”

Mineo says that last year they had over 50,000 attendees. Usually, the event takes place from Thursday to Sunday, but this year, the much-anticipated Supercon weekend has changed from Friday to Monday.

Mineo says “it is changed because Monday is a holiday and most people have that day off.”

Such a large convention, beckons the question of how they get everything finished in a timely and organized manner.

“We have eight employees on staff year-round and about 20 that only work during our three shows.”

Mineo says, “We have about 600 volunteers at the show. Half of about our volunteers are university students.”

Supercon provides volunteer hours for the students that need them for their school’s requirements.

Mineo points out, “we spend all year planning Florida Supercon.”

Supercon is not the only event they spend their time planning. "On top of this, we have two shows in Fort Lauderdale that we also organize. Animate Florida in September and Paradise City Comic Con in December.”

Mineo says, “There are hundreds of guests and artist that will be attending Florida Supercon this year and to check out the guests, Mineo says to visit the Florida supercon website, but as there are too many to list.

“We would like to expand our show into other areas. Next year, we will be hosting a Raleigh Supercon in addition to our other shows. We are extremely excited about this expansion and we have already begun planning for the show even though we have not announced it yet.”

Stated Mineo Supercon 2016 will take place July 1-4 in the Miami Beach Convention Center.

FIU Remembers

Eboard stands with Orlando

A message from the Student Media editorial board to its readers.

Saturday, June 11, 29 year old Omar Mateen called Orlando police before entering the Pulse night club, a popular club in the city’s LGBT community, and opened fire with an assault rifle. Fifty people lost their lives Saturday, and 53 more were injured. Countless other lives have been affected by the act of terror committed by Mateen.

In the wake of the mass shooting, the deadliest in American history, Islamophobia and homophobia have been trending topics, with good reason. The two strands of prejudiced fear breed one response: violence and hatred.

The lives of the 50 victims must be remembered without breeding hatred for a group of people. The actions of one man must not be the champion for ignorance and racism.

As an editorial board, we stand for peace and understanding. We proudly support the members of the LGBT community, who are fighting for acceptance and tolerance, and the members of the Muslim community, while they fight the uphill battle to disprove the stereotypes.

It is our hope that as a community, we may come together as one in remembering the victims, without resorting to racism and hate.

Community remembers victims of Pulse shooting

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Prayers. Especially [for] one of our own.”

“Our [alumni], Laura Vargas; please give a special prayer for her,” said Vega. “She is currently in the hospital in Orlando.”

Crowds gathered around the GC pit to bear the live stream of FIU’s vigil and stood in line to participate in the candlelight ceremony.

Helen Gonzalez, a faculty member of Undergraduate Education, said it’s a mix of emotions for her.

“Frustration. Anger. Anger mostly. Where you’re trying to make sense of something that there is no make sense of,” said Gonzalez. “People are looking for leaders to step up. Either people are going to step up and become a leader, or the people already in place need to address it.”

The president of Stonewall Pride Alliance, Daniel Capote, said he made sure he was spreading support to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, especially by updating the organization’s social media accounts.

“We know why we exist,” said Capote. “Stonewall exists to provide support for LGBTQ students. And now we are here, unfortunately.”

Capote spent the whole weekend spreading comfort and support to all members of his community.

“Your’ll be okay. We’ll be okay. We are community forged in fire. All it does is harden our resolve to persist,” Capote said.

The vigil concluded with a song, “Amazing Grace” sung by Korrin Anderson, a faculty member of Student Affairs, then proceeded with a candlelight vigil in the GC pit where students and faculty took part in placing a candle on the floor in the shape of a heart.

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They say tragedies come in threes. Orlando was the target of three horrendous events: two shootings, and an animal attack, all in the span of three days. The Orlando shooting was the most devastating event of the three, as it affected the most people.

In light of such an event, society seems to naturally resort to pointing fingers and blame the shooter’s alleged religion as the cause of this tragedy. However, he was a killer who was monitored by the FBI, with a history of domestic abuse and violent tendencies.

Sister Yacifah, who was briefly married to Mateen, told the Washington Post, “He was not a stable person. He beat me. He would just come home and start beating me up because the laundry wasn’t finished or something like that.”

An entire religion has to pay for the actions of an individual who mentally unstable.

An entire religion has to suffer the prejudice from society because of a terrorist organization that happily takes credit for any tragedy that befalls their enemies.

An entire religion gets blamed because of a small percentage that barely reaches one percent.

This is especially evident when you take a look at some words posted on social media, after the tragedy occurred. The following is a statement posted from a self-labeled Christian organization on social media.

“Seems only right for Sodom America” and, “God opened His armory to deal with proud f--- America (in mass shooting at Pulse nightclub).”

This was posted by the Westboro Baptist Church on their Twitter account on June 12, during the time that the news of the shooting were being reported.

Yet, this is considered a small group unrepresentative of all Christians. This is the “group that is abominable”, but those same people who point fingers at all Muslims for being like Mateen or the Islamic State group, do not accept that the Westboro Baptist Church is the image of all Christians.

In the end, there is no one to blame. We cannot blame love, and cannot blame religion. Muslims, a group with over 1 billion people, did not kill or wish to kill these club-goers. It is Ramadan, the holy month; if anything, I would argue that this horrible act during this time would be universally seen as an even more disgusting and disrespectful sin.

The LGBTQ+ community has always just wanted their rights, to be respected, regardless of their gender identity or sexual preference. After this, they feel far from reaching that goal again.

Individuals with no respect for human life are out there and will, unfortunately, always be out there. It is how we support each other, protect and understand one another, that will make a difference.

In a world where life can end at any moment, there is no time for Islamophobia, homophobia, or any kind of hate against your brothers and sisters on this earth. Let us learn to stand together so these tragedies don’t continue to happen.

Humans are humans, we all live together and it’s our job to understand and love each other. We have no right to take innocent lives.

Whether you believe in a god or nothing at all, or if your love falls under any spectrum of the rainbow, we cannot let this tear us apart. We will not stand divided and let radical, sick-minded, violent individuals win; those who strive to make life difficult for everyone out of rage, for “the fun of it” or just because they believe to be the hand of a God millions of people believe in.

Religion is meant to reflect love; it is a comfort, a sanctuary. Love is everyone’s sanctuary and we need to protect it, not point fingers. Sadly, Pulse was a physical sanctuary that was disrupted and destroyed, now making many LGBTQ+ places feel unsafe.

We, as a people, must stand with Orlando and all others who have been affected by this horrible tragedy. Pray for Orlando in your own way, and love for humanity so we can make this cycle of hate stop.

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Football welcomes new defensive coordinator

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With less than 50 days away from FIU’s opening night against Indiana University, newly hired defensive coordinator, Ron Cooper has to prepare for this season with his young, unproven defense.

Training camp begins Aug. 1, and Cooper has to find new starters to replace top defensive leaders, including both former defensive ends and sack leaders, Michael Wakefield and Denzel Perine, and former starting cornerbacks, Richard Leonard and Jeremiah McKinnon. Cooper, however, seems unfazed by the challenge.

Cooper said: “It’s tough to replace those guys, but that’s a part of football. I’m confident in the team we have now, and the players that we recruited from junior college. Once we get them on the field and set them up for success, the weakness of the position will soon turn to the strength for us.”

Fortunately for Cooper, who coached the secondary team last season, he will coach the linebackers as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackling linebacker and All Conference USA leader and All Conference USA as well. Defense is led by tackles and is seeking its first winning season under head coach, Ron Turner and his fourth defensive coordinator position in his 30-year coaching career. He will replace Matt House, who accepted a coaching position at University of Kentucky, after one season.

Last year, the Panthers were ranked No. 76 in total defense. Despite recording only nine interceptions, they recorded 51 pass defended and 42 pass break ups, which is ranked sixth in school history.

The Panthers’ first two games will be home against two teams from the Big 10 conference. Their first game is on Thursday, Sept. 1 against Indiana University; they face University of Maryland the following week on Friday, Sept. 9.

“I don’t want to look toward the future of how we do this season,” Cooper said. “Right now our main focus is on Indiana.

These first two games could be a challenge for FIU since the team is seeking its first winning season under Turner. Indiana and Maryland may not be top-ranked teams in the Big 10 conference. Both teams, however, will still provide Big 10 talent that plays.

“We have a whole month of camp to prepare for them and we’re going to play fast,” Cooper said. “That’s what Florida is known for, and that’s how we’re going to play throughout the season.”

If getting fit is the first of your summer goals this year, you may not think of getting into mixed martial arts as a way to do it. But, you may be wrong if you don’t give it a shot.

MMA, a fairly new sport that combines disciplines such as striking and grappling, has found its way to FIU. From boxing to jiu-jitsu, there are plenty of ways that students can get in shape with different options.

These MMA-based clubs were founded as far as 7 years ago and have become quite the success and have become quite the success for students looking to get out of their comfort zones and further their workouts to new heights.

“I have been a fan of this sport for about nine years now and I have watched it grow from a seemingly unknown sport to one of the fastest growing. Yet, it hasn’t gained a large amount of acceptance despite its exciting fashion,” Courtney Bigby of Baller Alert said. “When I think of mixed martial arts, I think of two men or women fighting each other till their bodies can no longer function. It’s way too barbaric for me especially when I see a lot of blood.”

Sure, a lot of these people have a point in regards to the violence argument. Mixed martial arts is based on combat combining all the possibilities of someone getting injured.

But, it is also a form of art.

“I think it’s an art form that emphasizes self control and a connection between the mind and the body,” MMA enthusiastic and Campus Life public relations assistant Vinson Pressley said. “Any one who participates in this sport is a true master of their spirit and body.

FIU has covered all the bases of MMA and has established a list of clubs and organizations that specialize in one or more of the sports’ disciplines.

Capoiera, Budo kon, Taekwondo, Wrestling, Karate. Any of these clubs would be a great option for anyone looking to get into the sport of simply change their workout routine. FIU even has a mixed martial arts club that combines all of the fundamentals of these aforementioned clubs into one.

Having a great body is a plus when participating in MMA, but the health benefits are pretty good, too. Because of the amount of physicality that these disciplines require, your entire body will utilize energy that stimulates everything from your muscles to your nerves.

Also, MMA relieves a great amount of stress with techniques that target specific areas of your body. Within the first few minutes of unloading some punches or kicks on a bag, you’ll feel significantly better with all of that negative energy leaving your body.

So, before you think of yourself standing in front of a 265-pound man getting ready to fight for your life, remember that MMA isn’t just about that. For you, it can be a way to bring something new and exciting to your exercise routine.

Championship game ends in one-point difference

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a layup, the full court press was on and Baller Alert was making a run.

A 17-point lead was suddenly cut down to a five-point lead with just three minutes remaining.

Xavier Towns of All Summer Term A said: “During their run, we were able to keep our composure and talk to each other. My job was to limit the other from scoring and that’s exactly what I did.”

Baller Alert had several opportunities to tie the game in the final minute, but two missed layups eliminated the team’s chances.

Holding on to a two-point lead with 12 seconds remaining, Chance III got a decisive rebound on a missed free throw. He was immediately fouled and knocked down both free throws to seal the win.

Courtney Bigby of Baller Alert knocked down a last second three pointer to end the game at 72-71.

“If the game was about a minute and a half longer, it would have ended differently,” James Davis said. “We blew a 17-point lead.”

Chance III will remember this game the most since he is graduating soon.

“I’ve been trying to win this championship for a while now,” Chance III said. “It was definitely a pleasure to go out on top.”

All summer Term A lost only one game during the season at the hands of Baller Alert, which won all five games during the regular reason.
THE ROAD AHEAD

Baseball team rebuilding, looking to go further next season

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The FIU baseball team’s season ended on a wild pitch versus Marshall University, but the loss does not mean much when considering the team’s future.

Three Panthers represented their home nation in the friendly and one even scored a goal in the game. Senior head coach Scott Calabrese. After earning the most victories the team has had so far, Calabrese and FIU saw three of its players from this past season join the Puerto Rico national team and added some new, young talent.

It has been a busy offseason for the FIU men’s soccer team and Head Coach Scott Calabrese. After earning the most victories the team has had so far, the Panthers faced No. 24 University of Mississippi, more commonly known as Ole Miss, for the first series of the year. Ole Miss, a NCAA Tournament regular, swept the Panthers and scored 32 runs in three games. However, the team rebounded by winning the series versus teams such as St. Thomas University, Seton Hall University and Manhattan University. The Panthers maintained an even record until conference play began and are now a local-area scout for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

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Although the majority of the team is staying put, two graduating seniors departed from the team. Rey Perez and Austin Rodriguez, both infielders, were honored before the May 20 win over the University of Southern Mississippi for their contributions to the team. Neither Perez nor Rodriguez was selected in the 2016 MLB first-year player draft. However, Williams Durruthy was selected in this year’s draft. Durruthy was selected in the 31st round by the Arizona Diamondbacks. Durruthy has not decided whether he will turn pro or return to school for one more year. If Durruthy returns, the Panther bullpen will have a solid back end with Durruthy closing.

Another positive change is the works for FIU Baseball. The team’s aging stadium will undergo a major renovation soon. The list of improvements include additional shade for fans, a renovated locker room and an indoor batting cage. The multi-million dollar renovation is still in the funding stage. The stadium was last renovated in 2007.

Despite the rough start to the season, the team managed to make the C-USA tournament and break even on the year. Heading into next season, competition for positions will be the common theme. Puerto Rico national team and added some new, young talent.

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