**PUMP UP THE VOLUME**

Students listen to a live DJ set during the 2016 SummerFest, Thursday, July 14. G.T.A., Dzeko&Torres and DJ Mummy performed at the annual electronic dance music festival.

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**Mary Ann Wolfe remembered**

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The University community lost one of its own, according to Mark B. Rosenberg in a mass email sent to inform students, faculty and staff of Mary Ann Wolfe’s death.

“It is with a heavy heart and a deep sense of appreciation that I regret to inform you that our FIU family has lost one of our own,” said the president. “FIU’s former first lady Mary Ann Wolfe passed away on Monday.”

Wolfe was the wife of FIU’s third president, Gregory B. Wolfe who also passed away this year. According to Rosenberg’s email, Wolfe graduated from UCLA in 1944 and began working for the federal government in the newsmen of the Office of Inter-American Affairs. She also served as a selection officer for the Peace Corps before joining the Women’s Division of American Affairs. She also served as a selection officer for the Peace Corps before joining the Women’s Division of American Affairs.

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**FIUPD responds to Pokemon GO**

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Valor, Mystic or Instinct team? This is a question that many FIU students have been asking each other in the past few days.

Pokéstops, the fountain at FIU for example, have been filled with students who gather together to play the game each night ever since the game’s release.

With a game motivating people to leave their houses and go outside, this has yielded all sorts of situations, both positive and negative.

Police officials are very much aware of this Pokémon trend and are staying vigilant on the streets to avoid any troubles that can come with catching these pocket monsters.

FIU’s chief of police, Alexander Casas made a video for FIU’s Facebook page advising students to be aware of their surroundings. He promotes how fun the game can be while also explaining the dangers present, namely playing while driving or getting lured to remote areas by strangers.

“We have had several individuals where they’ve been hurt while playing the application,” said Casas. “Walking around, not paying attention to where they are going, driving their cars, stopping in the middle of the street trying to catch wild Pokémon.”

“We’ve even had victims [that] have been lured to remote areas and have been victimized and have become victims of crime,” said Casas. “While I want [students] to have a good time and play this game because it looks like a lot of fun, I really want [them] to be careful on our FIU campus.”

As the Pokémon Go app becomes

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**SGC-MMC targets voters at FIU**

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The Student Government Association at the Modesto Maidique Campus is working on putting together events at FIU to register students to vote during the fall semester.

FIU is the fourth largest institution with approximately 56,000 students. The Student Government Council at MMC is looking to encourage FIU’s student population to register to vote during the fall semester before Election Day.

“There is a lot of skepticism about our generation, that we are definitely not the generation that cares about politics,” said SGC-MMC’s President Alian Collazo. “I think [this] is a misconception.”

Collazo believes that students care about politics, but that we have grown to become apathetic to traditional politics because of the environment students grew up with.

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sweetwater, extending their trolley to come to campus during the early voting days,” said Collazo. “Maybe the first two days or the last two days of the early voting, or get a bus to [take] our students to the poll.”

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Even though there are many initiatives to create change starting on FIU’s campus, the objective has not changed, which is to get as many students registered as possible by the time registration closes on Oct. 5.

Former FIU first lady is remembered by university president

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(Gregory) Wolfe was named President FIU received a double bonus: Mary Ann. Her exuberance, radiance, and zest for life were energizing for our entire community.

Wolfe was a member of the board of the Portland Red Cross and the non-profit organization, YWCA. She directed a million-dollar capital funds when Gregory B. Wolfe served as president of Portland State University in Oregon.

The labor commissioner of Oregon appointed her as a member of the State Advisory Council on Sex Discrimination in Employment in 1971, and she served on countless volunteer boards including the Massachusetts State Board of the League of Women Voters, and the Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dumas Voluntarias.

“With a deep intellectual curiosity, knowledge of classical and modern literature, as well as an unmatched poise, taste and warmth that was apparent to anyone who met her, Mary Ann proved to be the perfect match for our FIU,” said Rosenberg. Both Mary Ann and Gregory B. Wolfe were known to be a prominent part of encouraging the growth and expansion of the University. Under former President Wolfe’s direction, the campus added its first student residential housing, a new student center, an aquatic center and a library, and began offering a host of adult education programs. In recognition of these accomplishments, the student center – known as the Wolfe University Center – bears Gregory Wolfe’s name.

In honor of Mary Ann Wolfe, the Mary Ann Wolfe theatre at BBC re-opened in 2015 for her contributions to the University that also bears her name. The 300 seat theatre, which last saw renovations about seven years ago, hosts university and community events from jazz concerts to student speakers.

“FIU was still a young institution when [Gregory] Wolfe became president,” said Rosenberg. “During his tenure, he dreamt of transforming FIU from an upper division university to a full, four-year university. And with Mary Ann at his side, he did. They embraced this institution with open arms. Together, they first put FIU on the map – giving us an identity and direction.”

According to Rosenberg’s email, Mary Ann Wolfe was remembered for being determined to help make FIU a higher education center. This had been accomplished by opening FIU’s doors to the world by bringing diplomats, heads of states, artists, entertainers and public intellectuals.

“Mary Ann is a reflection of what FIU stands for – care, compassion, and impact,” said Rosenberg. “Her academic, governmental and volunteer excellence served this institution well, and we’re fortunate to have had such a first lady.”

Their children Laura Ann, Gregory Nelson and Melissa Helene Wolfe; grandchildren Galen Nelson and Anna Wolfe Pauly and Marie Elise Wolfe-Callahan; and great-grandchild Ko Sugihara Pauly are survived by them.
Psychology suggests that simply being outdoors was one's health and mood can get. Just breathing fresh, clean, outside air may improve walk around. Walking is among the best forms of exercise one each day to play the game is boosting their overall physical becoming more physically active, walking miles and miles parks. The unintended side effect of the game is that users are coming into these situations with preconceived notions. We are setting them up for failure because we are not teaching them how to identify racism.

Our misconceptions have brought us to where we are. The media has used the phrase, “just in case you were blue” in blue—Brent Thompson, Patrick Zamarripa, Michael Krol, Lorne Ahrens, and Michael Smith—have lost their lives because of it. That isn’t right. In order to prevent this from happening again, we have to fix what is broken.

“As a society, we are not accepting the weaknesses that we have, and part of it is the lack of willingness to learn. Until we are willing to make these changes, we will continue to see systemic racism. We have to take an active role in all these issues because these things are intertwining,” Lucchesi said.

Black lives do matter. So do blue lives. Just because protesters scream for black justice doesn’t mean they are vying for the murder of white men and women in uniform. Nor does it mean that they should be seen as thugs or dangerous threats to avoid. These heroes in blue protect our people and put their own lines on the live to keep the peace. That means that they approve of black people being killed. Nor does it mean that we should classify all men and uniformed people as greedy, vicious villains that deserve to be persecuted. However, when a crime is committed, accountability is a must.

“We need to think critically about why officers are not being held accountable in ways that the public would like to see. The justice system is doing what they feel is serving justice instead of solving it,” Lucchesi said.

We as a society need to understand this concept—that a portrayal of a race or profession does not define someone’s character. If we learn to adopt and follow through on this idea, maybe then we can begin to heal as a nation.

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The release of Pokémon GO has created a storm. Whether it’s on TV, in newspapers, or on social media, there’s talk of the app being released. Although the video game’s intention is to catch all the Pokémon around your phone’s GPS and camera, it has served as a social unification for millions around the world.

The Nintendo phenomenon has brought more people together than a new iPhone release. On release, it is no different. Thousands of Pokémon GO players swarmed FIU’s campuses on July 10 to catch Pokemon. According to an article by CNN, “Pokémon GO is a hotpot for Pokéstops, or stations to recharge on Pokéballs. The DailyMail article even included a picture of a Pokemon GO in the campus, where Poke players are seen chanting ‘Shut up!’ as the Pokémon appeared for one player.”

It’s captivating to see people who do not normally play video games, especially Pokémon games, become quite invested in the game as virtual creatures. In a time where so many tragedies and problems in the world are trying to tear humanity apart, a game has united the world in an extraordinarily simple way. It has brought people of all ages together throughout a common ground.

Miami has even created Pokémon meet-ups for large groups to come together and catch Pokémon in good company. The Miami New Times published an article listing the dates, times and places of these massive meet-ups around Miami, including Wynwood, Brickell, and South Beach.

“It’s getting people out of their chairs to get outside and get moving throughout the day without even trying,” says Rosario. “It’s quite innovative the app is. The creators incorporated something our generation grew up playing, along with modern technology. I’ve talked to strangers I would have never regularly talked to and made more new friends in a week than I ever have,” says Tyler, a freshman FIU student, after FIU Student Media.

The benefits Pokémon has are not only social, but it has broken barriers historically and financially. The Pokémon franchise, which has been around since the 90’s, has taken over as the number one phone app in the United States. TechCrunch published an article that said it has surpassed Twitter’s daily active users as well as Tinder’s daily active users. Nintendo’s market value by boosting it up $17 billion in only one week. It’s even surpassed porn as the most searched item, according to Google. With so many people using phone data, cell-phone company T-Mobile, has stepped in by creating a Pokémon inspired ‘Thank-you’ package for their customers on their weekly T-Mobile Tuesdays.

According to T-Mobile, they will thank their Pokemon players with free unlimited data on Pokémon GO so that it won’t touch players’ high-speed data. As Nintendo continues to keep everything safe, we will keep hunting to ‘GO’ catch ‘em all.’

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POPsical Health Concerns

By the beginning of 2016, there was a phone app called “Skin Deep” developed by the EWG, that can help consumers make better choices on the products they use. The free app provides a database of 72,000 personal care products, 2,500 brands and 9,000 ingredients. Users are able to scan product barcodes or search goods by name to determine their safety.

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Beauty is subjective and in one word, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but what is harmful? Though many of the chemicals continue to be widely used, we as consumers always have the option making the right choice for our overall health. The EWG states that we can do is read ingredient lists carefully in order to avoid chemicals that are known to be harmful.

Just as we should nourish our bodies with organic food, our skin deserves care with organic beauty products. In addition to being aware of the ingredients in beauty products, consumers should consider using certified-organic skincare products that cleanse, tone, exfoliate and moisturize the skin without using any of the numerous artificial chemicals or additives. It’s always best to feed your skin healthy, nourishing stuff.

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Beauty products a health concern

We all deserve to look and feel our best, I wish I could. I only wish we possibly could. This is why we love comparing and contrasting products in hopes of every step of our beauty routine.

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Walking into Munich, it feels like a normal city, with more cars honking at each other than in Miami; the difference lies in the modern buildings competing against older ones and old technology of the 21st century. Two-thirds of the city was destroyed during World War II, and though it was rebuilt well, it isn’t the same.

Nonetheless, there is still more than enough beauty to go around. The Munich Residenz houses an inexpensive and incredible peak into the palace of the Bavarian royalty; there are museums and sights that portray 19th century Greek Revival architecture, trees fill the area in the parks and on the sidewalks with the most rich green grass surrounding the palace. Above all the monuments and museums, The English Garden is the most beautiful sight in the city. It is one of the world’s most renowned city parks, and it alone is worth a trip to Munich. Walking in provokes an understanding of where the Germans got the inspiration for their famous fairy tales. Through the garden, there is a man-made river where you’ll see people jumping into the freezing water and taken downstream by the current.

If shopping piques your interest, the centre city has an H&M store on every corner and more high-end places surrounding those. Deichmann is a cheaper alternative for bags and shoes, an equivalent to Payless.

Germany is known for its beer, but even if drinking isn’t your cup of tea, visiting a “beirgarten” for lunch or dinner is a must. A “beirgarten” serves traditional Bavarian food, namely some kind of meat and potatoes meal, although you can find at least one vegetarian dish. The beer is cheapest at Löwenbräukeller, a restaurant which is also a “beirgarten” but the food is more pricey than at Augustiner-Keller.

Middle Eastern food, such as kebabs and falafel, are more easily recognised than the German architecture itself. Expect to spend around five dollars for a meal – even 10 cents for freshly made Persian bread at one shop on Dachauer Street.

Smoking is relatively common here, so it’s not unusual to spot a cigarette vending machine. It’s even less unusual to look down to find the ground in a thin layer of cigarette butts or smoking areas as popular as in America in the early 2000s.

The general style in clothing here is very similar to that in the United States: jeans, sneakers and a weatherproof jacket, and the three pieces don’t always match. There are more people with tattoos and body piercings here than I’ve seen in other areas of Europe, and the hairstyles are more alternative.

Bike lanes are as common and necessary as sidewalks, though it is harder to tell each of these lanes apart, since they aren’t color-coded as in Vienna, and the cyclists are relentlessly fast.

Almost identical to Vienna, Munich’s city tram and subway are easy to understand, working on an honor system that doesn’t check tickets every time, but fines around $68 for anyone caught riding without one.

The people in Munich are much like the people I’ve met in Boston, when it comes to courtesy with strangers: people don’t smile in the street at each other and no one asks how you’re doing, but when asked for help, they are always willing to point you in the right direction. You’ll also find they are very warm and inquisitive if you start a conversation.

Though some people interpret the lack of smiling or inquiry of a stranger’s well-being as rude, I find, it means more when people aren’t just asking out of custom or smiling out of routine, but because they are truly interested in another person, because they have legitimate reasons to smile. Of course, being in Munich in the summer is a good enough reason to smile.

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Pokémon craze hits Biscayne Bay Campus

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The Biscayne Bay Campus at FIU has not escaped the Pokémon Go hype that has spread through the nation. At Biscayne Bay, there is an array of Pokémon, Pokéstops, and Pokémon gyms to help them level up and train in the game.

There are an estimated number of 17 Pokéstops at the BBC. The two gyms located on campus include the Golden Panther and the start of the FIU nature trail, located by the tennis field. The rumored third Pokémon gym is across the bay area. It is called the Golden Panther, and the start of the FIU nature trail, located by the tennis field.

About to reach its two-week mark from the release day in the US, the Pokémon Go craze has shown no signs of losing its users’ interest. With this, the count of incidents playing the game continues to grow.

Azalee Duque, a senior English and religious studies major, who does not play the game says “The game feels like another fad that will eventually evanesce. It has been a bit annoying, having to mute some chats because it’s all people talk about, but it’s not the end of the world, I suppose.”

As reported on local new channels such as Univision, Team Rocket, the third gym to help them level up and train in the game. Chief Alex Casas from the FIU police even made a video to warn students to stay safe.

This however does not seem to be turning users’ attention away from the game, which expanded to more countries July 16, 2016.

The Biscayne Bay Campus, as announced on their Instagram page, will be having a Pokémon Go event on July 20 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. “registration will be in Panther Square but the battle will be in Panther Plaza.”

Rally 100 overcomes rain

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Despite the threat of rain, the Homecoming Council at the FIU Modesto Maidique Campus hosted their kick-off event for homecoming, Rally 100, on July 13 at 6 p.m. The event, hosted in the housing quad, attracted the attention of many students who stopped by the event, from freshman to seniors.

“The music was provided by DJs, courtesy of 99 Jamz radio station. Tropical Smoothie supplied drinks at the event, and snacks available to attendees included cotton candy.”

The MMC campus councils were present, with tables displaying their organization logos, and giving away merchandise including, shirts, bags, stickers, water bottles and sunglasses.

Students at Biscayne are facing double majoring in economics and Asian studies, “I believe the success of the event can be gauged by the large attendance and provided by the many councils engaging the incoming freshmen.”

“The rain, toward the end of the event, forced the majority of attendees to leave but the music did not stop. The DJ booth was moved under shelter and continued to provide music until the councils packed up and left due to the weather.”

“The Rally 100 event was successful as far as CSO is concerned,” said Martinez, finance coordinator for the Student Council for Organizations. “We drew large crowds of freshmen. We were able to communicate the mission and purpose of CSO, the ways they could become involved on campus, join clubs, create their own clubs.”

The event had a large attendance and provided an environment for students to interact with the councils who oversee their on-campus activities.

“It was great to see so many of the future Panthers excited about FIU and frankly eager to learn what the university has to offer them, apart from academics of course,” Martinez said.

Campus Life’s music festival ‘one of the books’

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Hosted every year by FIU Campus Life, SummerFest is a one of a kind electronic dance music festival free for all FIU students. With foam blasting from both sides of the DJ booth, attendees can enjoy getting soaked with soapy foam while dancing to the music.

Aimed to promote Panther Pride for the incoming freshman class, SummerFest also allows all FIU students to enjoy a free night of good music on Panther grounds with friends and family.

“By far the best part of SummerFest was enjoying the music alongside my friends. It was a perfect way to wind down during the week,” said Lucas Cerizziezso, a sophomore studying criminal justice.

While walking in, attendees were given free bandannas as well as plastic phone protectors and explored the many tents offering giveaways including Iced Sparkling Beverages people stay hydrated and the Student Programming Council giving off free shirts, accessories, and more. The Sigma Kappa Soroity was also doing free face painting as well as selling sweet treats.

The Revolution Dance Studio handed out free fans. These organizations arrive three hours before the event to set up. Immediately, music blasts through the speakers beginning to show off Dj’s talent and get the students excited to come in. At 7 p.m., on the dot, the gates open and people poured in. By 9 p.m., the foam blasts, which are over three feet in length, came to life and spew out foam. Any person within 10 feet of the Dj booth was soaked from head to toe with this soaply substance.

With over three DJs entertaining the crowd, the party kept going until midnight.

Chanterelle Muñayjy, a sophomore studying business, said she “was most excited to see the different faces attending. FIU is full of new and diverse people and it was cool to see a lot of excited freshmen. I liked the energy that all the people at Summerfest had and the enthusiasm toward the upcoming school year. It was a good example of Panther Pride at FIU.”

But if anyone’s wondering whether or not to check SummerFest out next summer, Lucas Cerizziezso puts it best: SummerFest “is a great experience that I would recommend to everyone as a way to get to know your peers.”

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Pokémon Go presents dangers

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increasingly more popular, details of crime and illegal activity has arisen from playing the game and has put some individuals in threatening situations.

On July 16, a man who lived in the Palm Coast neighborhood was startled by a loud noise during the early morning. He spotted a white car parked in the road outside of his house, grabbed a handgun, and went outside to investigate.

Two teens looking for Pokémon were mistaken for thieves looking for a house to rob and ended up getting shot.

Also, four teens, in a suburban area just outside of St. Louis, used the game to draw victims and robbed nine people. They used what is called “lure modules” in the game to attract players to the specific Pokéstop.

In Wyoming, a 19-year-old girl found a dead body near the Big Wind River trying to catch a Pokémon by the water.

Even though Chief Casas, and other police departments, warn individuals of the dangers when playing the game, some students believe that there are enough benefits of balancing them out.

“I went to Town and Country Mall and I couldn’t believe how packed it was with people playing Pokémon,” says Daniela Hurtado, a junior majoring in marketing. “I saw so many old friends and even met new people. This game brings people together in ways like never before.”

Many people like Hurtado, who spent their time indoors or playing games at home, finally have a collective reason to be outdoors.

“I actually met up with some friends who are also in team blue with me,” says Santiago Guzman, a senior majoring in Asian studies. “My friend introduced me as my username on the game and one of the players recognized me and my ‘Gyarados’. Pokémon and got super excited to meet me, it was surreal.”

According to students like Hurtado and Guzman, friendships are blooming and the bond over Pokémon Go with your standard pastime is becoming more than just a trend.

While there are risks involved, the benefits of Pokémon Go is breaking communication barriers and that makes it well worth it for some individuals. Some believe that as long as people play responsibly, the positives that come out of playing Pokémon is a step in the right direction.

“I want it to live on and I can see it living well past the original hype especially since Niantic announced that they’re going to be doing bi-weekly updates to the game,” Guzman says.

This is one of the first games of the future—Pokémon Go simultaneously fuses a virtual world with reality. Players continue to explore new places as they wait for what’s to come next. As for now, we are encouraged to keep trying to “catch them all”—but FIUPD reminds us to always remember to be aware of your surroundings.

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Panther profile: Alex McGough learns to balance life as a student and quarterback

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For most students, college is a tough balance between school and a social life. Most don’t have the added pressure of early morning and late night practices, traveling for out of state games, and carrying an important position on the football field.

For starting quarterback Alex McGough, this is normal everyday life.

McGough was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and moved to Tampa when he was 5 years old. He began playing football in the fourth grade and has made that a passion ever since.

The junior says that the coaches drew him to FIU when he was 5 years old. “I really thought they were doing something great here, and I wanted to be a part of it,” McGough said.

For the upcoming season, McGough is focusing on improving his accuracy on his throws, and as a team, the Panthers just want to improve from last season and hopefully get a chance to play in the bowl game, which McGough says is “very achievable.”

“We have a goal, and as a team we are working very hard to get it,” he said.

When the team isn’t busy with training, practices and games, they are helping out in the community. McGough says he has always done a lot of community service and that it was always important to him. As a team, the FIU football team volunteers at hospitals and nursing homes as well as participates in neighborhood clean ups.

Even though the season hasn’t started, McGough says there’s a lot of work to be done even in the off-season. “The coaches and training staff can only do so much, so we have to stay active and make sure we’re eating right,” McGough said.

McGough has learned from playing football and says his biggest takeaway is “mental toughness, and being able to move on to the next play without lingering on the last one.”

The starting quarterback never imagined he would be playing college football, but he says he is here to win and expressed how happy he is to be a part of the team. After college, McGough says he would love to play professionally and continue his love for the sport.

The first game of the season is a home game on Thursday, Sept. 1 against Indiana University.

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Coach Calabrese expands on season’s defensive game plan

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The men’s soccer team often plays a game of cat and mouse when on the field.

Head Coach Scott Calabrese’s defensive tactics and plays are rival to those of a cat stalking its prey.

Similar to zone defense in basketball and football, Calabrese wants his team to trap the ball in a certain part of the field to make defense easier for his players.

“During a game, we want our players on the front and pressure the ball,” Calabrese said. “Sometimes, we want to send one or two players to stop clear, sometimes we don’t.”

In 2015, the Panthers allowed just 26 goals all year.

“Our defensive scheme depends on who we are playing that day,” Calabrese said.

Goalie Arthur Clapot had 31 of his team’s 50 saves in the year. Goalie Robin Spiegel had the remaining 18 saves on the team. This means that teams had to save the ball 35 more times than the Panthers on the year. Thus, the Panthers kept the ball away from their net and controlled possession of the ball away from opposing side of the field.

Calabrese said: “When I first arrived at FIU, there was a lot of commitment on defense. Getting my players to commit fully on defense was a major challenge in 2014. We have steadily improved since then, and I’m very happy with my players.”

The Panthers’ commitment on defense led them to a 12-7-1 record last season. The team also held its opponents to an average of 1.30 goals per game and limited opponents to a 40 percent shot-on-goal percentage. By comparison, the Panthers had an average of 2.05 goals per game and a 43 percent shot-on-goal percentage.

However, opponents only had 76 shots on goal throughout the season while the Panthers had 126 shots on goal during the 2015 season.

The Panthers will play against Fmun University in the Nike/Aaron Olitsky Memorial Soccer Classic on Friday, Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. The team will play its first home game versus the University of Wisconsin on Friday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at the FIU Soccer Stadium.

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After graduating from Monsignor Pace High School, he committed to play college football for Bowling Green State University before transferring and finishing his collegiate career at FIU.

For Samuel, FIU football not only taught him to carry the ball and run in between tackles, but also the life skills he needed to carry himself when it’s all over.

“Discipline was the main thing. You talking about coming in at five in the morning, and not being done until night time, sometimes at six, sometimes at nine,” Samuel said. “It’s a full-time job with overtime. Once you go through that, it builds you. You have to mentally tough to be a student athlete. Only the strong survive.”

Now a father working on his master’s degree, Samuel’s main focus is to promote his film. During his recordings, Samuel went to different urban areas in Miami and asked the locals what goes on in their neighborhoods.

“When they think of [Miami] People think of South Beach, the sand, beaches, Ocean Drive and everything.”

For Samuel, this documentary is for anyone interested in a real perspective into Miami. “I’ve talked to a few people that live in Miami, and they do not know what’s going on,” Samuel said.

With Samuel’s academic success and his future ahead of him, he also wants to send a message to the people who are going through a similar tragic death in close friends or family members.

“Avenge that person’s death in being successful,” Samuel said. “If I would have taken the revenge route, nobody is going to know about me being here, and I’ll end up in somebody’s cell or locked up.”

Samuel’s documentary premiere will be on July 30. For more information visit his website: takearide.us.

The months of July and August are typically considered to be “boring” months if you’re a fan of sports. Football season hasn’t begun; basketball season hasn’t begun; the Olympic Games are typically considered the major sports event going on in baseball.

However, there are still some sports to keep an eye on. For Samuel, the summer Olympic Games takes place in August. This summer, Panther fans may have a greater incentive to tune in to the Rio 2016 Olympics. FIU will be represented in the games this year, as former and current Panthers are gearing up to compete this August in Rio, Brazil.

Redshirt sophomore Naomi Ruele of the FIU swimming team will be in Rio this August, representing not only FIU, but also her home nation of Botswana where she swims in the 50-meter freestyle event.

“It actually didn’t expect this given the fact that I just came back from a shoulder injury,” Ruele said. “I was told I needed to get the surgery but the doctors weren’t completely sure if I would be as successful as I wanted to be.”

Ruele may have had her doubts post-injury, but they didn’t seem to show after her return to the pool. She won seven gold medals in all seven races she competed in at the Conference USA tournament, earning her the title of “Swimmer of the Tournament.”

After overcoming her injury on March 20, that will always stand out to Ruele. Recording a personal best time of 26:07, during an official Fédération Internationale de Natation approved time trial, secured her a spot in the Olympic pool this August in Rio.

Ruele says she doesn’t feel any pressure to medal in Rio, but she would love to be able to accomplish that for her country. Ruele will be a part of a Botswana Olympic roster that will include more than one woman for the first time in the nation’s history. Joining Ruele in Rio will be teammates, Lydia Jeke and Christine Botlogetswe, both competing in track. The 2016 Rio Olympic games begin Aug. 5. The 50-meter freestyle event which Ruelle will be competing in is scheduled to take place on Aug. 11, from the Barra da Tijuca Aquatics Stadium.

Ruele says, “I am truly excited for my redshirt-freshman season, there’s definitely no pressure on me,” Ruele said. “It is really more about just going out with my heart and race as fast as I can.”