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## University Model UN ranks No. 5 in nation

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*Contributing Writer*

The University Model United Nations Team ranked better than some of its Ivy League competitors this year, ranking fifth in the nation on the list of North American College Rankings for 2013-2014 on bestdelegate.com.

According to their website, "Best Delegate created the North America College Rankings to find out which team is the best on the circuit and to recognize teams for their accomplishments across conferences throughout the school year."

The list consists of 25 colleges and universities, and there is also a list of top 50 and top 75.

Among the top five are: University of Chicago, Georgetown University, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania and Florida International University.

Others mentioned on the list include the United States Military Academy at West Point coming in sixth, Yale University in seventh, Columbia University in ninth.

The FIU Model United Nations Team is also represented in the Model United Nations All-Star Team for the 2013-2014 year, with three University students listed as all-stars.

The students were nominated by their universities and were placed on the All-Star

Team based on overall votes from all participants, according to a best delegate representative.

"The College MUN All-Star Team should be representative of the best and most respected leaders in the community," according to the all-star team page. "They are diplomatic and skilled in committee, help strengthen the relationships between schools, provide thought leadership, and make the Model UN experience better for everyone."

Mark Hodgson, a recent graduate and former program director for the FIU MUN team, Ethan Roberts, the current program director and Anthony Mercado,

## 100 DAYS TO HOMECOMING



MARIA LORENZINO/THE BEACON

Adriana Zabarain (middle), a junior in hospitality management and a golden dazzler, performs with the dance team at the 100 Days to Homecoming event in the GC pit. Students celebrated the upcoming football season with food, giveaways and performances.

a recent graduate, each United Nations is invaluable. It gives students a chance to practice problem solving, diplomacy and effecting change in the world," said Roberts, a senior interna-

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## New guidelines to combat sexual assault 'a step in the right direction' for universities

**NICOLE MONTERO**  
*Staff Writer*

Reacting to publicized rapes on college campuses across the nation, the White House has released new guidelines requiring colleges to comply with new campus safety and security requirements aimed at curbing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

The proposed rule, formally published in the Federal Register on June 20, would implement changes to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, under the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, which President Barack Obama signed last year.

Under the regulations, institutions would be

required to compile statistics for incidents of dating violence, domestic violence and stalking, in addition to the currently compiled statistics for sexual assaults and other crimes.

Among the many recommendations, the White House urges universities across the country to ensure that reports of sexual crime cases remain confidential, as well as to conduct anonymous surveys and adopt anti-assault policies.

Whitney Bauman, assistant professor for the Department of Religious Studies and a part of the Women's Studies Center, believes that the efforts are a step in the right direction and that they could bring awareness to such issues.

"I don't believe that anything we do will be enough until the problem is solved," he said.

These efforts are a step in the right direction for dealing with the problem and forcing universities to take a long look at what's going on in their campuses...

Whitney Bauman  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Religious Studies

"But I also think that these efforts are a step in the right direction for dealing with the problem and forcing universities to take a long look at what's going on in their campuses—the first step is

always recognition."

Other notable changes include: adopting the FBI's revised, more inclusive definition of rape; requiring institutions to ensure that their disciplinary proceedings in response to alleged incidents of dating and domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking are prompt, fair and impartial; specifying requirements for university programs to prevent sexual crimes; and strengthening protections for victim confidentiality.

To help institutions with these changes, the government will be launching the NotAlone.gov website to track enforcement and provide victims with information.

"The NotAlone.gov website is quite helpful

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## SGC-MMC speaker protempore Lorenzo resigns

**ADRIAN SUAREZ AVILA**  
*Staff Writer*

Kicking off the SGC-MMC Senate meeting last Monday, President Alexis Calatayud discussed her upcoming attendance to a leadership conference aimed at training student government leaders from around the country.

The National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Student Government West Institute Conference, which ran from July 10 to 13, serves as a student affairs event where student government leaders may come together to share ideas.

"The most exciting part, I think, is that we're going to meet student government leaders from California," Calatayud said.

Calatayud cited the Board of Trustees as being the highest level of representation. "If you don't have that, then you don't have much say," she said.

In addition, Calatayud said she hopes to partner with the University's athletics department and with student athletes to see how SGC-MMC can creatively increase attendance at athletic events.

Aside from discussing personal pursuits, the Senate also discussed the vacancy of some positions.

As a result of transferring to University of Miami, Caroline Lorenzo left two positions, speaker pro tempore and senator at large, vacant.

"One of the things we need to address statutorily is that there isn't actually anything in the constitution, the statutes or the rules and procedures that says what to do in the event of the resignation of the speaker pro tempore," said Speaker of the Senate and graduate Senator Charles Perretti.

According to President Calatayud, the position of speaker pro tempore is a required one.

"It is an executive board position that sits in executive board meetings, University-wide meetings and, in the long-term, budget meetings, which requires the presence of all executive members for votes to be made," Calatayud said.

Because of the vacancy of the speaker pro tempore position, the Senate will be open to applications from senators who are interested in the position. In the event that only one senator applies, that senator will win by default.

In the case that more than one senator applies for the position those interested will speak before the Senate in order to explain their qualifications. Votes will then be administered to determine who will take the position.

At present, Honors College Senator Nico Pasquariello; at-large Senator and Chair of the Internal Affairs/Review Committee Nicholas Recuset and Finance Chair and CARTA Senator Tomas Alcala are interested in the speaker pro tempore position.

According to Calatayud, as Recuset and Alcala are chairpersons within a committee, one will lose his chairship if elected as speaker pro tempore and the elected person's vacant position will then be open for applications. One position in particular requires speedy election. As no one voted in favor of President Calatayud's initial appointment for comptroller, Lillie Wilson, during the beginning of the summer semester, the position was never filled.

Despite the Senate's previous response, Calatayud is appointing Wilson once more for the position, considering

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## WORLD NEWS

### Germany demands top US official leave country over NSA spying allegations

In a move that sounds as if it was ripped from a Cold War thriller, American ally and NATO member Germany on Thursday demanded that the top U.S. intelligence official stationed here leave the country over new allegations of U.S. spying. It is the first time an American intelligence chief has been expelled from a NATO country since 1995, when one was expelled from Paris over allegations of economic espionage. The German government did not identify the American by name. But the description of the top American intelligence official could apply only to the Central Intelligence Agency's chief of station, who generally operates under diplomatic cover from an embassy. U.S. officials offered only limited comment. White House press secretary Josh Earnest, in Texas with President Barack Obama, said that Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel had not spoken since July 3, before news broke that German authorities were investigating two new cases of U.S. spying. Earnest said Germany and the United States continue to cooperate "at a variety of levels."

### Syrian opposition seeks US support for battle plans

Syria's pro-western opposition has developed a plan to oust extremists of the self-styled Islamic state from their base in Syria and protect Syrian civilians living in rebel-held areas, but it is waiting for the Obama administration to give it a hearing, the acting defense minister said. Nour Kholouf, a defected Syrian army general, said Islamic extremists who last month seized more than one third of neighboring oil-rich Iraq had become a greater threat to Syrian rebels than the regime itself, because they have moved into territory rebel forces have seized from the Assad regime and routinely cut off the rebels' supply routes. But he said rebel forces could force the extremists on the defensive and expel them from a part of the territory they now control in just three weeks of fighting, if the United States provides the necessary backing. In a second stage, he said rebel forces could oust the extremists from the Raqqa region up to the border region between Syria and Iraq. "I need weapons. I need money. I need a no fly zone or anti-aircraft weapons. I need intelligence data," said Kholouf, who's held the post since May in the Syrian interim government.

# Three FIU students make All-Star Model UN team

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tional relations major. The entire MUN experience takes place throughout multiple conferences, where students compete in different committees as they are presented with various cases.

Some cases involve past events such as the Berlin Conference of 1882, or a future scenario in which students must play the role of the U.S. secretary of state, Roberts

said. The conferences this year took place at Harvard, West Point and the University of Chicago, and students were able to practice foreign policy and meet special guests to learn from their experiences.

"Guest speakers from major think tanks, important government posts and ground breaking NGO's share their experiences and visions with us," Roberts said.

FIU MUN's former

director and recent alumnus Hodgson said that being part of the team served as a valuable experience.

"Being involved and having the opportunity to lead and be a part of the Model United Nations has been the most memorable experiences in college," said Hodgson, who received his bachelor's degree in both International Relations and Political Science.

After finding out they ranked number

five on the college rankings, Hodgson said he felt it was quite an accomplishment.

"A huge privilege and honor," he said. "Our delegates deserved it for all their hard work."

Hodgson said that many students involved with MUN work, are enrolled full time and dedicate up to 20 hours

of study time in the library to prepare for competitions.

The FIU MUN team will be hosting a summer committee simulation on July 19 and 20, where they will recruit new members. Students interested should send in an application to save a spot in the simulation. ♦

## SUMMER COMMITTEE SIMULATION

Saturday, July 19 until  
Sunday, July 20 at MMC

# Changes to the Clery Act help combat sex assault on campus

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because it has resources for students and schools," Bauman said. "We should have this link available to our students because the student's well-being should always be our first priority."

He also proposes that FIU start brainstorming a way to combat issues of sexual assaults. To this, he offers an idea: to have a town hall-style meeting in the fall to discuss sex crimes and come to an agreement on how the University should act.

"If one in five people were being tazed in the face in FIU's campus every day, then you can bet that there would be a huge meeting about it and people would be dealt with accordingly," he said.

Bauman believes that it is important for FIU to meet and to find a way to help the problem as a community. According to him, sexual assaults are problems that exist in sexist cultures and, because it is historically set in that culture, it is silent.

Cynthia Rodriguez, sophomore majoring in health service administration, also believes the University should meet to discuss how they will be combating these

issues. She also emphasizes the importance of having anonymous methods.

"I think that the anonymous surveys and the gathering of statistics can work to get a better idea of the number of students who have actually experienced these crimes at FIU," she said.

Rodriguez does not necessarily think that everything must be anonymous, but she believes that the option to be anonymous should always be there. According to her, many students are embarrassed to talk about their experiences openly— especially males.

"Men suffer the same emotional turmoil as women but are probably less likely to report cases of assault due to fears of being laughed at or ignored," she said.

In fact, according to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 38 percent of rape and sexual violence incidents are against men, with 46 percent of male victims reporting female perpetrators.

Another student, Stephanie Olayon, sophomore psychology major, believes that the guidelines set for universities will better the problem. Nevertheless, she has difficulty believing that the situation will

have a perfect solution.

"I don't think that this problem will ever go away because there will always be people that do this sickening thing to others— be it male or female," she said.

However, Olayon also said that she was pleased with the government for bringing attention to issues of sexual assaults and opening the eyes of various students and universities.

The University's sex assault numbers have remained low since 2010, according to the University Police Department annual security report. However, the most recent sex offense case, according to the online police crime log, was this past April in the Green Library, and the case remains an open investigation.

Though there are many questions about the effectiveness of the White House's task force and new guidelines, Bauman remains optimistic.

"This is a huge epidemic and I am glad that it has been becoming less violent and less acceptable in society," he said. "FIU should embrace these new policies and actually go above and beyond what the recommendations are." ♦

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# President Calatayud on development

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that the presence of a controller is necessary this year in particular.

"This is a very important year because it's a base budgeting year," Calatayud said. "Everyone's budget is revisited."

A brief discussion on student surveys also took place at the Senate meeting. Student surveys are part of the statutory requirements of the Senators, according to Calatayud.

They serve as a tool to help the Senate understand what the student population wants and needs, allowing senators to have official information to refer to when they meet with administration.

Lower Division Senator Alian Collazo, along with his

committee, will begin drafting a survey that they wish to pass on for evaluation to the Senate.

Updating those present on the workings of the Graduate and Professional Student Committee, Graduate Senator Rhett Williamson discussed the ongoing update of the committee's webpage.

In this meeting, members will review those applicants that were previously denied.

"We've had a number of students express interest in appealing rejected applications," said Williamson. "They are very passionate about their applications."

This, along with other items on the committee's agenda, will be discussed in future meetings, Williamson assured.

Concerns over transporta-

tion fees were also brought to light.

Raymond Borrero, a Nursing and Health Sciences senator, called to attention a tweet that was featured on the #AskRosenberg feed on Twitter asking why the shuttle bus services between MMC and BBC are not free.

FIU's Twitter page responded that lowering the fee would require the help of student government leadership.

"I plan on meeting with officials from the Department of Parking and Transportation to discuss any potential avenues for lowering the shuttle bus fee," said Borrero.

While further word on this issue develops, an SGC-MMC representative works on adding an academic program

to the University's offerings.

"I contacted Phillip Church, who's an associate professor in the Department of Theatre, in an effort to continue my pursuit of a film minor," said finance chair and CARTA Senator Tomas Alcalá.

According to Alcalá, the measure was pursued previously until the senators involved reached a roadblock with administration.

"I'll be working on it more heavily during the fall, but this is to get it initiated," Alcalá said. "I'll be meeting with [Professor Church] to see where we can go from here."

Applications for Arts & Sciences, at-large and public health and social work senators will be open the first and second weeks of the fall term for all students. ♦

## No tip, no rent: Why you should tip

**LUIS SANTANA**  
*Staff Writer*

Servers: we take them for granted every time we go out. These workers write down our edible desires, bring it to us while we sit comfortably and chat, and do it all with a smile.

This summer, I had a chance to work as a server and the experience as a whole is something that was truly humbling.

If I learned anything during my time as a server, it was this: always leave a tip. No matter what your “financial” situation, it hurts the waiter severely when you leave nothing but garbage on your table.

I put quotes over the word financial in the above sentence because I would constantly see customers come in dressed in designer labels wearing all sorts of jewelry and fancy clothing sit down with their friends, own the entire restaurant because of their loud conversation,

then leave no tip even though I brought everything to them.

One time, a group of young girls came to eat. I brought everything they wanted to them and even sang happy birthday for one of their friends. As they all got up to leave I looked at the table and saw no money.

I asked one of the girls, “No tip madam?” She said “no, sorry” with a face of false pity and just like that they left with nothing but their wasteful remains on the table for me to clean.

Personally, I have rent to pay every month. I also have to pay for my car insurance, food and my phone bill to boot. These bills add up over time and when I’m not left any sort of tip, I get worried when it comes time to pay my bills.

Servers only make around \$5.00 an hour meaning that they have to make the most out of the hours they work by serving as many people as they can to break even with those who make minimum

wage. I sometimes have to take five to six tables at a time. I take their orders, bring them their drinks, set up their food and close their bills; this can be a lot to remember and do while also trying to serve them and keep them happy.

To top it off, my line of work isn’t without its hazards.

Getting burned is a constant possibility during work. I come into contact with sick people, deal with people constantly yelling at me during busy hours over wait times and at the end of the day, I have to clean the entire restaurant.

While I’ve only outlined the negatives of serving so far, there are days when you get customers that really make your entire week. Whether it’s the family that understands your plight, the customer who seems to always make you laugh or the young couple who looks at you and realizes you’re just trying to get by just like them, they can change

your day from regular to extraordinary.

With one such young couple, I had the pleasure of talking about certain movies that were out at the time. I told them of how badly I wanted to see “Godzilla” and how the premier was the day after my birthday.

These two young people took the time to draw a little Godzilla for me on the back of the receipt with the day it was to come out and even signed their names on it.

They never came back to the restaurant, but I’ll never forget how much that small act of kindness meant to me. I ended up keeping the receipt as a way of remembering that even though a lot of people come into a restaurant and don’t really care for the one who serves them, there are those who do. Those customers make serving worthwhile.

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## THE BEACON | Editorial Trackless: Nowhere to run

For years, the University has been upgrading its athletic venues – the football stadium has expanded, the basketball court is more vibrant and we’ve added a new, full softball stadium.

The program that has gotten the short end of the stick, however, is FIU Track and Field, who travels to the Ansin Sports Complex in Miramar to practice on a track with throwing circles and jumping pits.

We believe that if the FIU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics wants the track and field team to succeed, that within the foreseeable future a facility must be procured for the Panthers that is more accessible.

With Ryan Heberling making the transition within the last six months from assistant head coach and throwers coach to interim head coach, then full time head coach, the question is raised as to whether or not during his time at the helm if Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia will decide to put money into putting a track on FIU property. However, as good of an option as that may be, another may be hiding right under the noses of Athletics.

Out of many options for putting it at an on-campus location, there is really one main place where an addition of a track and field facility would make the most sense at Modesto A. Maidique Campus. A plan would be to update the soccer facility to also fit the necessary track, pits, throwing circles, etc. One of the other main options would be if the University were to acquire the fairgrounds, which holds plenty of space for not only more athletic venues, but other buildings. This would be the most ideal location, given that the fairgrounds are acquired.

Of course, with currently more room, a facility could be put at Biscayne Bay Campus. At BBC, there are several locations that it could be placed. Those include the piece of land that is southeast from the Kovens Conference Center, where there is currently nothing but a trail surrounding trees and barren grass. As well as the area in between the tennis center and where Bay Vista Housing currently sits.

The options that may be hiding currently from Athletics, besides the multiple places at BBC, include already finished and in-use facilities near each of the two main campuses. Off-campus options include Tropical Park near MMC and Ronald L. Book Athletic Stadium near BBC. It may be simple to rent one of these facilities or even buy one of them from Miami-Dade County and make it the home facility for the Panthers.

If Athletics does not want to spend the money on building an entirely brand new facility, and they wanted to buy one the best option – in the opinion of the editorial board – would be the Ronald L. Book Athletic Stadium. It would cost a lot less money to purchase the facility and make it look more FIU-themed, than it would to build a completely new one.

However, even though Heberling may not believe so, it would not be surprising if some potentially great track and field athletes passed on coming to FIU simply for the reason of not having a track on campus.

## Four things to appreciate in good health

**SOFIA GALIANO**  
*Staff Writer*

### Hit up the beach.

I almost never get sick. Many have said I workout too often. I’m certain I eat more fruits and vegetables than most of my friends. I frequently wash my hands and sometimes take three showers a day. I’m also one of the few people in today’s society who actually get a full eight hours of sleep, the equivalent of a good night’s rest.

Although I try to lead a healthy life, I still get the occasional cold -- say maybe once a year -- which sideswipes me off of my fitness-devotee pedestal. Each time I get sick, I’m reminded how exhausting and disheartening it is. Part of me even resents all the moments when I’m not sick and feel invincible.

To avoid that time-consuming and life-sucking emotion of regret, be sure to fully live out your health and appreciate the little things in life before catching a cold:

### Go exercise.

I know from experience, jogging while sick helps clear nostril congestion and other sinuses. The only problem is you really don’t feel like doing it.

The next morning or afternoon you are free, instead of lying around at home or sleeping in, go for a run. If that’s too intense, set a date to go kayaking or paddleboarding with some friends – both are offered at Biscayne Bay Campus for just \$10.

It’s a beautiful sunny South Florida afternoon, and while you wish you were swimming in the ocean and soaking in vitamin D, you are wrapped under a blanket in bed while blowing your nose for the hundredth time. Catching rays while being sick will only irritate your already throbbing head and drain whatever energy is left inside of you.

So now that you are healthy, grab a towel, some water and lots of sunscreen, and jump in that water like your glutes are on fire (which given the average temperature of a summer day in Miami, they most probably are).

### Have some ice cream.

We all know to drink lots of warm fluids when sick to soothe sore throats and to flush out our systems, but because we’re human, we’re cursed with wanting what we can’t or shouldn’t have.

That means the pint of Talenti Belgian Milk Chocolate Gelato you forgot was in the freezer that you’re suddenly craving. Except you are sick and you know you will not be able to enjoy it like you normally would.

Therefore, screw your diet and have a few spoonfuls of chocolatey rich and silky deliciousness.

### Give hugs and kisses.

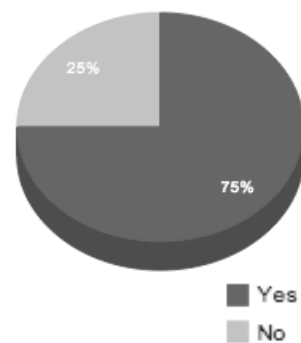
Although I have no romantic partners in my life, I still worry about hugging or kissing

others while sick for the risk of spreading my illness. So I ask when you go home this evening, kiss your parents, your siblings and/or your spouse and spread your love, guilt-free.

There will always be an excuse not to do something. Sometimes we are tired, too busy or just not in the mood. My suggestion is to stop making excuses and do all the things you say you want to do while your health still permits you.

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## MATHEU'S EXHIBIT EXAMINES CUBA'S DYSTOPIAN STATE



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PATRICIA AND PHILLIP FROST ART MUSEUM

(Above) Students, alumni and faculty gathered at the Frost Art Museum on Saturday, July 12, for the opening of Leonel Matheu's (center below) new installment titled "Crossroads of the Dystopia."

### JEFFREY PIERRE AND GISELLE CANCIO *FIUSM Staff*

A state of dystopia, in the spirit of George Orwell's "1984," is exactly how Cuban-born artist Leonel Matheu describes his homeland.

With Matheu's collection titled "Crossroads of the Dystopia," a new installment at The Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum, one can't help but be intrigued at his playful deviation from such a grim subject matter.

After a "Meet the Artist" session held on July 12, Matheu spoke with art aficionados and dystopian enthusiasts alike about his collection and most importantly, his influences.

"It's true that the place where one grows up also influences us," said Matheu, 47. "But also, as time passes by, one can understand these influences."

After almost two decades of compiling work, with his "Crossroads of the Dystopia" collection, Matheu's experiences have finally found a voice.

He's found a way to make sense of his life's most influential moments — moments that, according to Matheu, began in Havana, Cuba, a city still struggling with economic isolation and a have-and-have-not system, a byproduct of the country's still present communist policies.

Matheu also credits his time here in Miami and other excursions



throughout the United States, Europe, the Caribbean and Latin America for impacting his work.

Matheu has been a prominent figure on the national and international scenes for over 20 years.

With "Crossroads of the

Dystopia," Matheu displays colored pencil drawings, ink on paper and oil on canvas, with some multimedia and public installations, but the most intriguing aspect are the characters who are depicted and show up throughout Matheu's work — the "dome-head" as he

calls them.

Matheu says the idea came to him while looking for "an image that could communicate itself with many cultures, ages and could serve to the viewer as a guide when interpreting the artwork."

"Perhaps they mask the sense of dystopia he knows is present in his homeland of Cuba, a situation that seems not only hopeless, but at times surreal to those looking in from afar, just as his oddball caricatures appear ridiculously unable to engage beyond the superficial," said Carol Domain, the museum's director and chief curator, describing Matheu's drab-faced characters in her director's introduction.

Janet Batet, the curator, says Matheu's dome-shaped heads

serve as a self portrait and collective portrayal of a Cuban nation marked by displacement and dystopia.

"It has spirituality, technology, passion, solitude, dreams, chimeras and deceptions," she said.

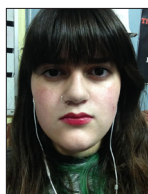
Matheu, whose artwork resides at the Lowe Art Museum at the University of Miami, The Bass Museum of Art in Miami Beach and the Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami, will have his collection displayed at the museum until Sept. 14.

"The Frost is proud to have the opportunity to showcase the intriguing and wide-ranging body of work by this acclaimed artist," Damian said.

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## Jack White's 'Lazaretto' breaks genre lines

### COLUMNIST



JUNETTE REYES

When analyzing Jack White's music, one can't really compare his work to any other musician's work besides his own, as it usually sounds unlike anything that has ever been done before.

He might have his influences from which he draws inspiration, but Jack White's music always sounds like nothing else but Jack White's music, ranging from every band he has ever been in (The White Stripes, The Raconteurs and The Dead Weather) to his solo material. This is mainly due to his unmistakable guitar riffs, developed from the Detroit native's use of guitar pedals to achieve a raw and crunchy manipulation of pitch.

This sound was generously sprinkled throughout his solo debut in the 2012 release titled "Blunderbuss." However, White has now seemed to have somewhat lost his Detroit attitude in his sophomore release titled "Lazaretto," making me think that he has probably spent too much time in Nashville where the headquarters of his record label, Third Man Records, is located.

The reason I say this is the album seems unusually more on the folk rock side than any of his previous releases. White is exper-

rienced with this style of music, given his contribution to the soundtrack of the 2003 film titled "Cold Mountain" as well as several songs on "Blunderbuss," including the title track.

Although the experimentation with instrumentation in this style is similar to "Blunderbuss," such as the use of harps, fiddles, mandolins and upright bass, White seems to have complicated it further by presenting it in the form of Americana, which is characterized by the contemporary incorporation of country, folk, rock and roll and blues. This isn't too different as was done in the previous album; however, these elements are thoughtlessly combined all in one.

By this I mean White exhausted whatever charm might come from Americana by cramming it all into the songs as opposed to sparingly throughout the album. Something he was able to musically achieve in "Blunderbuss" but now failed to fully replicate by giving us practically an extension of that, but all jumbled up.

For example, the first single to be released, titled similarly to the album, starts off in White's familiar fashion with a riff in a similar style to his work with The Dead Weather. It then breaks down into a fiddler's solo towards the end of the track. Another single, "Just One Drink," is almost reminiscent of a White Stripes-era track, except it introduces a ragtime piano, the kind you'd probably hear

in a saloon; and that same fiddler as before.

"That Black Bat Licorice" introduces a sort of ska feel to the album with the same ragtime piano and fiddler on top of it all.

It can probably be safe to say that this is White's most ambitious release to date, given the cramming of multiple styles and genres into one album.

Not only that, but the artistry behind all of the work done on the Ultra LP release of "Lazaretto" on vinyl included hidden tracks beneath the center label, locked grooves, starting from the inside out on Side A and a hand-etched hologram, to name a few treats for the vinyl lovers.

Unfortunately, whatever was hoped to be achieved by combining all of these styles and genres is overshadowed by an incomprehensible execution. I feel that White focused too much on being the Willy Wonka of vinyl instead of producing quality work to accompany the experience presented in the vinyl release.

Notable tracks include "Three Women," "Lazaretto," "High Ball Stepper," "Just One Drink," and "That Black Bat Licorice."

Final verdict: 3.5/5

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# Alison Weir's novel describes the unbiased side of the Palestinian-Israeli debate

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As National Public Radio's 2014 April Fools' Day joke pointed out, people aren't dedicating a lot of time to reading articles. We skim over headlines, comment and keep scrolling through our feeds. That said, how many people dedicate time to learning about exhausting topics like Israel and Palestine?

On April 18, author Alison Weir, joined Panthers in the Graham Center to show that she went beyond the first page of Google and found something worth writing about.

Prior to writing her book, "Against Our Better Judgement: The Hidden History of How the U.S. Was Used to Create Israel," Weir was the editor of a small newspaper. She skimmed headlines just like everyone else and didn't know a lot about Israel or Palestine.

According to Weir, she started paying attention in 2000, when there was the Palestinian uprising. That's when she decided to learn what it was all about.

"I noticed we were getting very one-sided coverage," she said. "We heard about Israelis in great detail. I thought and expected we would hear from Palestinians, but that came much less frequently."

The author noted that while reports are not false, they are "very incomplete."

"We often hear about Israeli children killed, however, we hardly

hear about Palestinian children killed," she said.

The lack of detail is evident in articles regarding recent activities in Gaza. For instance in an article by abc.net.au, they wrote "[Israelis] came under fire from Hamas and four Israeli navy commandos were wounded..." What was the extent of the wound? Would knowing that make us feel any different about the events?

Another article on abcnews.go.com describing the same event wrote, "When Hamas militants spotted them, they opened fire and four commandos suffered cuts and scrapes. All the militants were killed."

According to the latter article, the Israeli military estimates Hamas to have 10,000 rockets. The former article noted up until now only 700 had been used since fighting began, with 170 intercepted by Israel's defence system. Yet, up until now, no Israelis have been killed, while "166 Palestinians, mostly civilians, have been killed... while more than 1,000 have been injured."

During her presentation, Weir asked the audience if it knew how many Israelis those "thousands of rockets" had killed.

"They give us very little information about rockets and often leave out [they] are small projectiles that cause very little impact," Weir said.

According to the If Americans Knew site (an extension of Weir's project), 1,110 Israelis have been

killed and 8,550 have been injured since 2000. On the other hand, 6,961 Palestinians have been killed, 56,520 have been injured since 2000; another 6,000 Palestinians are currently imprisoned by Israel, while there are zero Israelis imprisoned by Palestinians. These statistics were last updated July 11.

Weir decided to create the organization If Americans Knew after visiting the area in 2001.

Before her visit, Weir wondered how people were going to treat her as a single female American traveling randomly and haphazardly through the area.

said Weir. "That's what I saw, a people and a land being destroyed with my tax money. I saw war."

The organization Weir started took to studying the news about Palestine and Israel a little closer.

The organization found a few more notable phenomena.

"Another thing that tends to happen is that when there is violence, 'a period of calm has just been shattered by Palestinians.'"

The author noted that in 2005, the LA Times had a headline that read "Period of Relative Calm."

"Before printing the headline, I had called them to correct it and

and endnotes. The author spared no detail.

With such a dangerous topic, it is no surprise.

"Another person tried to do something about this: Dorothy Thompson, one of the most important female journalists. She was considered the second most powerful woman after [Eleanor] Roosevelt and was one of the first people to raise the alarm about the Nazis," said Weir. "After the war, she went to see the new country and saw countless Palestinian refugees. Eventually she made a documentary and lost her job, radio show and was erased from history."

Yet that history bit doesn't stop the author from disseminating the information she found.

"I feel it's our job to give [the public] facts on the issue so they could exercise their civic duty to tell officials what to do and what not to do," Weir said.

As depicted by the book title, the U.S. is very involved in Israel-Palestine politics in the form of tax money, aid projects and alliances.

Weir said approximately 70 percent of the American public does not support taking sides on Israel-Palestine, regardless of the "massive Israeli propaganda" present. Speculations aside, perhaps it's time some serious research was done about this topic so concrete action can be taken to resolve this conflict.

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Against Our Better Judgement: The Hidden History of How the U.S. Was Used to Create Israel

"I was invited to stay in people's homes," she said. "When I told them I was American, people welcomed me. I learned it was different from what media made us think."

After her visit, she decided to tell everyone about what she saw.

"As I went around the area, I saw guards. I saw ancient olive groves, farmers who had farmed there with destroyed land; I wondered how those farmers fed their children,"

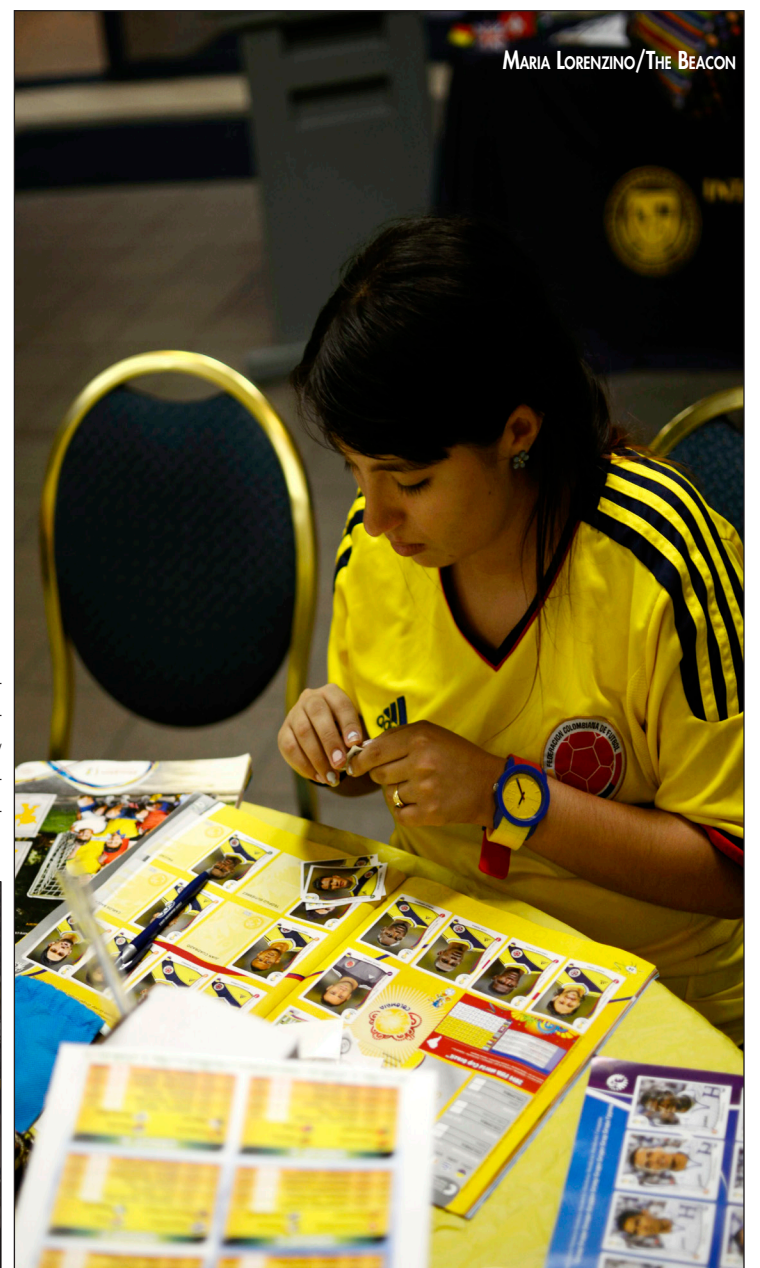
explained that during that period of "relative calm" 170 Palestinians were killed and 379 were injured."

There were a lot of statistics thrown around in the presentation, but Weir makes sure to back every claim with evidence; on the website for If Americans Knew, every statistic is paired with its sources. In her book, "Against Our Better Judgement," half of it is comprised of the works cited, further readings

## FIU LIFE: LOOKING BACK AT THE WORLD CUP



(Bottom center) Students hold U.S. flags during the U.S.-Belgium game. (Bottom left) Junior hospitality management major Laila Dkeidek gets her face painted with the Brazilian flag during the World Cup kick off at the Biscayne Bay Campus. (Top) Students react to a missed goal by the U.S. during the U.S.-Belgium game. (Right) Ana Correa, a sophomore in advertising and public relations, pastes a sticker in her Panini sticker book at the "Sticker Trading Day."



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## TRACK & FIELD

# Heberling era officially begins for track and field

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*Sports Director*

As of the morning of July 9, Ryan Heberling, who was formerly both the throwers coach and the interim head coach of the track and field program here at FIU, was named the official head coach of the program.



HEBERLING

"It feels good," Heberling said. "The most important thing that I talked to [Senior Associate Athletic Director]

Julie [Berg] about, as people were asking me how I was going to go about getting the job and the only thing I was focused on last year was actually doing the job. I wasn't really worrying about titles or permanent positions and it helped us have success last year. Once the season ended I had more time to focus on it."

He replaced Eric Campbell in February following his resignation.

"In my five years of coaching, the summer months usually seem like a long time. There is downtime, athletes aren't here and it feels like everything is so far away. Practice season starts in August. These past six months though have gone by in the blink of an eye," Heberling said. "It feels like the last meet of the season was last weekend. In reality, it was two months ago."

Heberling is an alum of FIU.

"I have been focusing on getting the job. Not from a greed standpoint but because I love this program," Heberling said. "I believe that I can lead it to the area that my other alumni and I want it. The years that I have put in on this program, I wouldn't



ERIK WILLIAMS/CONFERENCE USA

New Head Coach Ryan Heberling (middle, hugging athlete) celebrating at the 2014 Outdoor track and field Conference USA championships. He was the interim head coach at that time.

want to see anybody else here."

Junior decathlete Chris Sullivan, who joined the team as a walk-on during his freshman year, had some positive reaction to Heberling being named the head man.

"I'm very excited about him [Heberling] getting named head coach," Sullivan said. "He has helped me advance as a thrower and as a member of the program in general. I believe that he will help get this program to the next level."

For Heberling, who is no stranger to the way things are done here at FIU for track and field, he is ready to lead what he describes as a unique situation.

"I know how to maneuver it and get the most out of it," Heberling said. "With the recruiting of athletes, with the staff, and

even though there isn't a track [on campus] to us that doesn't matter because we still have one of the best weight rooms in the country and we have the best weather in the country."

Recruiting is pretty easy according to Heberling.

"Florida is one of the best recruiting states in the country and in the world. Now it is about utilizing my two assistants and getting the best athletes that we can," Heberling said.

In response to athletes not wanting to come to FIU simply for the lack of a track on campus, Heberling knows exactly what to say.

"The athletes who are like that, and want all of the bells and whistles are going

to have a tough time buying in [to the program]," Heberling said.

"The philosophy of this season, the thing we are going to hang our hat on, is that FIU is a home. It is my home, it is the home of every athlete that is here and the saying that we are telling them is that 'Our house has walls' we understand that but there is no ceiling to our house," Heberling added. "Anything is possible within the confines of what we deal with and that is the philosophy that I take every day to practice and the reason that we have had success is because what I try to do every day at practice is to set up a competitive atmosphere to where you are so concerned about trying to compete against your teammates and get better that you don't really notice what you do and you don't have."

Focus is instead based on each athlete.

"You focus on your abilities, getting better, and knowing that the coach really cares," Heberling said. "I have wonderful resources, I have the staff, the SAAC [Student Athlete Academic Center] advisors, and everybody who really seems to care here. I think what is most important thing at FIU is that it is not a by the numbers thing, it is not if you don't perform then you are gone. It is more of a 'This is our family and I'm going to work with you.'"

FIU may be a bed of talent waiting to rise though. Heberling went on to speak about some of the best athletes that he had ever coached having been not highly recruited coming out of high school.

*This is the first part of a multi-part series of the interview with Head Coach Ryan Heberling.*

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## CLUB FEATURE

# Boxing fights its way into FIU students' hearts

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Tropical Park's boxing gym isn't flashy, but it holds everything a grass-roots boxer needs.

Walking up the ramp and into the gym, one can hear the sounds of a jump rope gracing the ground on every swing, a heavy bag being worked on and a single loud voice.

Every punch emits a vibration felt throughout the concrete walls of the gym.

There are men and women of every age in the gym — a little boy not even nine years old found his way into the gym and to the heavy bag, with a smile as wide as the boxing ring he stood next to.

The intramural FIU Boxing Club is a club founded by students. Beginning in the fall of 2012, the team has had its leader in Coach Ricky Piedra.

He is the voice booming throughout the gym.

"When I was 12, I lost my dad, so I didn't have a father figure. I would get into fights a lot and one day, when I was in junior high, a security guard came up to me

and asked, 'Why don't you box?' I said, 'Box? Boxing is soft,'" Piedra said.

Little did Piedra know that boxing would become his passion

“You know, boxing saved my life. Boxing became my dad.”

Ricky Piedra,  
Coach  
FIU Boxing Club

years later.

Piedra has been boxing since 1987 and believes it has saved lives, including his own.

"You know, boxing saved my life. Boxing became my dad," Piedra said.

Boxing at the University is slowly growing and with coaching from the likes of Piedra, it is heading towards a positive place.

"We have around 30 club members signed up, but we normally have 15-20 members at training sessions," Club President Kittiya Harris said.

A new influx of boxers is sure to come after recent successes at the U.S. Intercollegiate Boxing Association competition, held April 3 to April 5.

At this competition, student boxers from across the country met at the University of Miami to compete for different belts in their weight classes.

Kareim Scott, a senior dietetics and nutrition major at the University, competed.

"All of my matches have [taken place] in the intercollegiate competition," Scott said.

Scott has been boxing for two years now, but has been a fan since he was a kid.

"I had a roommate who I used to argue with a lot. We got real close to coming to blows. I had four roommates and he ended up getting on everyone's nerves. We bought some boxing gloves, did some light sparring and one day I did something [boxer Floyd] Mayweather had done in a video. My roommate said, 'Whoa, man, that looks just like Mayweather!' From there, I said, 'You know what, let me give this a shot,'" Scott said.

Unfortunately for Scott, he did not get the winning decision at the USIBA competition, but Scott and his coach plan on winning before he graduates in the fall.

"The next time [Kareim] fights, we will train so that the opponent will have to give up. His opponent will tell the referee that there's no way he can win this thing. That's our goal and Kareim will be ready," Piedra said.

As a whole, FIU Boxing Club brought home two national championship belts. According to the USIBA official website, they won in the men's 132 division and in the men's 141 division.

"I'm very, very proud of those guys," Piedra said.

To breed champions, training must be rigorous. Piedra abides by a strict regiment that his boxers know is not to be taken lightly.

"We run four to five times a week and on Saturdays we put in 10 hours of work on the clock with only an hour break," Scott said.

He has made it a point to attend every training session on Saturdays.

As for the direction of the club

in the future, Scott hopes it will continue to move in a positive direction.

FIU's own Colonel Vo - who taught the ROTC Program - was a longtime coach for the club, but recently decided to hang up the gloves. Now, the club is run mainly by students.

Piedra was a professional for two and a half years and has been coaching since 2004.

According to Piedra, the best moment in his career lies in the leadership of this club.

"When I train somebody and I see them growing, competing and winning, that's when I know it's worth it," Piedra said. "When they come to me not knowing anything [about boxing] and I see them compete, that's my shining moment."

With experiences like this, any club would be destined for an above average learning experience.

"I train a lot of kids every day," Piedra said. "But when they put their faith in me, that's when I find faith in myself."

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## CLUB FEATURE

# Triathlon club president sets goal at full Ironman competition

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Imagine the most intense training that you've ever gone through. Whether it's running in the hot sun, swimming in your favorite body of water, riding bike through city streets or isolated dirt roads, the combination of all three of these exercises makes up a triathlon. Everybody has an exercise routine that could involve one of the three aforementioned workouts.

What everybody doesn't have is the mental strength to not only push themselves to do it, but be the sole motivating factor. That's right, no coach to push you, no timeout to help you when you're tired; it's just you and your resolve.

The University has its own group of these extraordinary people walking its campus, led by FIU Triathlon Club President Ernie Diaz.

"Coming from a running background in high school, I was consistently involved with the local Miami running community. I came across a flyer one day that

peaked my interest. The event being advertised not only consisted of running, but swimming and cycling as well," Diaz said.

Not many people get involved with competing in triathlons; Diaz got the inside scoop to the world of triathlon training through a close family friend.

"At the onset of my training, I partnered up with my family friend, German Plascencia, who is 67; he provided me with key training tips and guidance. Over the course of my first season, I was driven to compete in as many races possible. In essence, I was inspired by Plascencia and his strong discipline to persevere during training and life," Diaz said.

Most students at the University don't know how grueling a triathlon can be. Races vary in length from sprint, Olympic, half-Ironman and Ironman.

"To be concise, a sprint is comprised of a 400 to 800 meter swim, 10 to 12 mile bike ride, and a 3.1 mile run. An Olympic distance race is the same as a sprint with the distances

doubled," Diaz said. "As for a half-Ironman, the distances are a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile ride, and a 13.1 mile run."

Think about the physical shape that you have to be in to do just one leg of a triathlon. Diaz goes on to say that the training is beyond extensive.

"For sprints and Olympics, I typically train about five to six hours a week with two swims, two runs and two bikes. For a long race such as a half-Ironman, the training volume increases to about 10 to 12 hours. The breakdown would consist of two swims, three rides (40-75 miles each) and two runs (6-9 miles each)," Diaz said.

The University has a relatively new triathlon club. Since the club is about two years old it hasn't competed in a litany of races.

"The FIU squad has not had the opportunity to race as much as older teams such as [Florida State University] or [University of Florida]. Yet, with that being said, each time we



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Senior international relations major Federico Manitto of the FIU Triathlon Club finished second in the Collegiate category of the 2575 triathlon on May 17.

have raced collegiately, we have had athletes place in the top 10 percent of their age groups. Moreover, we have also had several top 10 overall finishes throughout the last two seasons," Diaz said.

The Panther club is young, but not afraid to go against the bigger and older schools that have been entrenched in the triathlon scene for decades.

"Since the club's inception, there has been a sort

of camaraderie created between the members. Each member understands that the club is a learning space to grow as athletes and as individuals," Diaz said.

"With everything one does, there is more than likely an end result or a certain peak."

Diaz doesn't just talk the talk, but he walks the walk in a real way. He enjoys the mental strength and discipline that comes from

living out this lifestyle.

"For me, that is not necessarily true as I find triathlons to be more of a way of life rather than a chore or a sport," he said.

Ernie plans to run and finish a full Ironman at the completion of his bachelor's degree. This triathlon club might just be one of the most impressive clubs that is flying under the radar here at FIU.

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## FOOTBALL

## Top five football games to see this upcoming season

## DIRECTOR



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With the fall fast approaching there is only one thing that comes to the mind of the most adamant of

sports fans and that's the official start of football season.

Even though there are some, myself included, that believe football is a sport that goes all 365 days of the year with different levels, workouts and practices going at different times, the regular season begins in August. The Panthers of FIU have 12 games this coming fall, including eight home games.

Even though football fans, regardless of what team they root for, will probably watch all the games, I have come up with what the top five games to watch should be.

**September 13: University of Pittsburgh at FIU**

This is going to be the first "Big Boy" test for the Panthers in 2014. No, I am not talking about the Pitt Panthers, I am talking about the FIU Panthers – that'll be confusing for the next couple of months.

The University of Pittsburgh is historically a football powerhouse and can put up some points. It should be a great game to watch for any fan.

**September 20: University of Louisville at FIU**

This should be known as the "Attempt at Redemption" following the 72-0 blowout that caused FIU to be the laughing stock of all college football in 2013. That makes this one of my top five games to watch for FIU in the 2014 season.

**October 2: Florida Atlantic University at FIU**

The Shula Bowl is back in Miami on a Thursday night in early October as the Panthers host the Owls of Florida Atlantic University. The game, which will be on Fox Sports Networks, should be interesting as FIU looks to regain the trophy in this rivalry.

**November 1: Rice University at FIU**

The powerhouse of Conference USA football, Rice University, comes to Miami for the first meeting of the two

schools on the football field on Nov. 1.

The Owls of Rice are one of the early favorites to win the conference in 2014 and I see no reason to dissent that.

**November 8: FIU at Old Dominion University**

This is one of four away games for the Panthers in 2014 and I think it is the most interesting.

With ODU not even fully being in Football Bowl Series play yet – as they are in their second transitional year – it is hard to know exactly what to expect from the Monarchs. With quarterback Taylor Heinicke being so dominant for ODU and the quarterback position still yet unknown at FIU it will be strange to see the outcome.

ODU is also the alma mater of FIU's very own women's basketball Head Coach Cindy Russo, so it will be interesting to see who she will be rooting for in the contest.

Keep checking back to FIUSM.com to get updates on all of the Panthers' games coming up in the Fall.

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## GERMANY WINS WORLD CUP



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Many people gathered to watch the final match of the 2014 FIFA World Cup on Sunday, July 13 between Germany and Argentina. Germany won 1-0 with a goal in extra time. Argentina's Lionel Messi winning the Golden Ball award for best player in the tournament.

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## ASK! Center nearly two months away

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*BBC Managing Editor*

Construction of the Academic Skills and Knowledge Center in the Glenn Hubert Library at Biscayne Bay Campus is nearly two months from completion.

The ASK! Center is a one-stop shop service desk offering library, technical and tutoring assistance.

Renovations will include a new carpet, seating, PC and Mac computers, study rooms, lighting and electrical outlets.

“We are trying to make it easier for the students,” said Gustavo Arauz, administrative office manager of the Glenn Hubert Library.

The project began in January with furniture testing which allowed the Student Government Association and students to select the chairs they wanted in the new library space.

Now the ASK! Center is being built and is set to be completed by Sept. 15.

A wall was installed the first week of July to corner off the area, which Arauz said helps reduce noise from construction.

Signs are posted throughout the library notifying students of the possible disturbance, but Arauz and Shawn Tonner, head of Information and Research Services,

said students do not mind.

Tonner said not only are there fewer students on campus because it is the summer, but with signs posted and the

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Administrative Office Manager  
Glenn Hubert Library

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recent renovations to the Wolfe University Center, students have other places to study if the noise is a nuisance.

“We’ve had no complaints,” she said.

The Center for Excellence in Writing will be moving from the first floor to the second floor to join Division of IT, the libraries, Center for Academic Success and the Office of Business Services in the ASK! Center.

Other changes are underway in the library.

The computers nearest to the entrance were removed to make way for a Star-



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bucks kiosk which will be installed and open for business by fall. Details of the grand opening will be announced at a later date.

Arauz said once the computers upstairs have been installed and are open for use, the remaining computers on the first floor will also be removed.

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## Miami’s high cost of living takes a toll on students, University offers assistance

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Miami residents may have scenic beaches and nightclubs, but they pay a high price for living in paradise.

According to a New York Times article, Miami is one of the most expensive cities in the country to rent.

On average, rent in Miami

consumes 43 percent of a typical household income, while living expenses that consume 30 percent of a household income is considered “affordable.”

For University students, the daunting rental rates in Miami limit their options for a living space near campus.

Some students struggle to find apartments worth living in, while

others have to rely on the University to find them a home.

Moses McGahee, a senior sociology major, has lived on campus since transferring to the University in fall 2012.

McGahee said he chose to live on campus because high rent rates around the University did not fit within his budget.

“The main reason why I’m living

on campus is because I came from three hours away,” said McGahee. “I have yet been able to find a reasonably priced apartment here in Miami.”

In an attempt to help students find a place to live, Division of Student Affairs shared an ad recently via Student Government Association at Biscayne Bay Campus with a number of websites with the focus of finding a residence.

edu.

The attempt the University made to help students find a place to live may seem small to some, but to others it shows that the school cares enough to lend a helping hand.

“It’s helpful because it shows that [the University] is actually concerned and that they are worried about the students’ well-being and they want them to live somewhere,” said McGahee.

The University has acknowledged how difficult and expensive it can be for a student to rent outside of school walls.

Meanwhile, University students can only dream about leaving their dorms for a cozy apartment.

“[Living off campus] would be very easy for me to work with,” said McGahee.

“That’s most likely what I would have done from the start, if it was cheaper I would have gone with an apartment from the start.”

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I have yet been able to find a reasonable priced apartment here in Miami.

Moses McGahee,  
Senior  
Sociology

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The sites listed in the ad were: Rent.com, Zillow.com, Apartments.com, Trulia.com and Classifieds.fiu.

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### SUMMER SPLASH: LIGHT UP THE NIGHT



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Students kayaked to Beer Can Island where they enjoyed a bonfire and s’mores during the BBC Summer Splash: Light Up the Night pool party on Thursday, July 10. Along with night kayaking, students enjoyed music, food, a photo booth, and giveaways.

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