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JORDAN

Dozens wounded as protesters clash

Hundreds of protesting Islamic hard-liners clashed with supporters of Jordan's king, wounding dozens, by the extremist movement to assert itself amid the wave of anti-government demonstrations.



LIBYA

Gadhafi forces intensify assault on city

A resident says Moammar Gadhafi's forces have launched an assault on the rebel city of Misrata, pushing troops and tanks into the city center amid heavy bombardment.



SYRIA

Tear gas fired as many march in Syria

Security forces fired tear gas and beat protesters as thousands of people marched toward the capital demanding greater reforms than the limited concessions offered by President Bashar Assad.

POKER FACE



SANA ULLAH/THE BEACON

Sophomore Muktader Anand, who is majoring in biology, plays cards between study sessions in the Green Library before finals week.

University's strategic plan outlining next five years

GABRIEL ARRARÁS
News Director

University President Mark Rosenberg addressed crowds at the Modesto Maidique and Biscayne Bay campuses, outlining the University's goals for the next five years.

Rosenberg hailed the five-year Worlds Ahead Strategic Plan as the end result of a "very collaborative process," which included the participation of a committee of 115 members made up of faculty, staff and students.

"There are a lot of similarities

with this plan compared to our earlier plans," said Rosenberg to a nearly full crowd at the Graham Center Ballrooms on April 14. "We're maintaining and redoubling our commitment to building a top urban public research university."

However, the Worlds Ahead Strategic Plan comes with some differences.

"We are book-ending the centrality of research and creative work with an added commitment to student success and global engagement," added Rosenberg.

University Provost Douglas Wartzok, who shared the stage with Rosenberg, expanded on the University's commitment to student success.

According to Wartzok, part of the strategic plan would be increasing the student population from 42,000 to 52,000, changing the mix of students from 18 percent graduate students to 20 percent, moving online course offerings from 14 percent to 20 percent, increasing out-of-state and international students by one

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New dean for Arts, Architecture

ALEXANDRA CAMEJO
Asst. News Director

Even after more than 20 years of service to the University, Brian Schriener does not consider his recent appointment to Dean of the College of Architecture and The Arts to be his "shining moment."

"I hope not. Every moment should be a shining moment. It's been over 20 something years, and I've

been very fortunate here," said Schriener.

Having served as the College's interim dean for the past two years, Schriener is more than familiar with the tasks that come with his new title.

Yet, for the first time since he took on the interim position, the College of Architecture and The Arts is anticipating significant growth and development in each of its seven departments.

According to Schriener, the College has been considerably held back since it was founded in 2006 due to University budget cuts.

"The college was formed when the budget cuts hit, so for the first couple of years prior to my becoming interim dean it was about reorganizing the units to meet the demands of the budget cuts. There really wasn't an awful

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FIU-UFF

United Faculty of Florida fights for smoke breaks at FIU

MELISSA CACERES
Staff Writer

While the smoke has cleared from the passing of the tobacco ban on University property, the faculty continues to fight for its rights.

After engaging in numerous bargaining sessions with University administration, the FIU chapter of the United Faculty of Florida succeeded in passing a vote to ratify the details of the ban in regards to faculty and staff.

They believed that the administration broke with the current contract between them and the faculty when the regulation was implemented without first bargaining its terms and conditions with the FIU-UFF.

"We think that the University has the right to change policy but we have the right to then demand impact bargaining over how our faculty will be effected by the ban," said Alan Gummerson, FIU-UFF treasurer and professor of Economics. "It wasn't at

all clear what kind of discipline would be imposed if someone violated the ban. So we negotiated this Memorandum of Understanding, which says that after the six-month period that no one is going to get fired for smoking, unless it becomes a chronic problem."

Along with the agreement of no disciplinary action during the first six months of implementation, which began on Jan. 1, 2011, the approved MOU states the University must give the faculty a chance to take smoking breaks during the workday.

"The University shall make reasonable efforts, consistent with the academic needs of the University, to allow employees to adjust their scheduled activities where necessary so that they make reasonable breaks between scheduled activities to leave University property to use tobacco or to participate in smoking cessation programs. Participation in any smoking cessation program shall be voluntary and

We understand the impact this policy has on our employees and students and appreciate everyone's support to promote a healthy campus environment.

Tonja Moore, Chief Negotiator and Associate Vice President Academic Affairs

shall be at the sole discretion of the employee," according to the MOU.

The ban, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in November 2010 and put into action in Jan. 2011, prohibits the use of tobacco products on all university campuses.

In a letter sent to University president Mark Rosenberg a couple of

weeks after the approval, Dr. Kathleen Wilson, the president of FIU-UFF, demanded that bargaining take place on how the regulation would effect the faculty.

Members of the FIU-UFF bargaining team and University administration have meet numerous times since then to negotiate the points that the faculty brought up, which were the issues of sanctions and smoking breaks.

According to Tonja Moore, University chief negotiator and associate vice president of academic affairs, who bargained on behalf of the FIU administration, the University went through "a very open and inclusive dialogue" with the UFF. She also stated that the dialogue "was very productive and we were able to address successfully our respective concerns."

"We understand the impact this policy has on our employees and students and appreciate everyone's support to promote a healthy campus

environment," said Moore. "All items included in the memorandum of understanding were of mutual interest to the University and the faculty and in alignment with the University's planned implementation."

Voting to approve the ratification took place over a span of two days at all three campuses during the end of March. UFF members tabled at the campus libraries and informed faculty voters of the protections that the MOU would provide.

"We have to follow our own contract, even if they [FIU administration] think that they don't have to," said Lauren Christos, vice-president of the FIU-UFF at the Biscayne Bay Campus. "So it's just on principal that we inform them that this is a legally binding agreement."

Melissa Caceres works as a Beat Writer, covering the FIU Foundation, Board of Trustees and Faculty Senate.

NEWS FLASH

Immigrants come ashore in Palm Beach County

Officials say 14 to 15 people believed to be illegal immigrants came ashore on Singer Island.

Riveria Beach police spokeswoman Rose Anne Brown says about half of the group was rounded up shortly after they came ashore just before 7:30 a.m. Friday. Officials believe they are from the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Brown says a pregnant woman who went into labor was taken to a hospital. A search continues for the remaining members of the group.

UN judgments due in Croatian war crimes case

A U.N. court is handing down verdicts on three Croat generals charged in the murder, mistreatment and deportation of Serbs in a 1995 military blitz.

Large screens have been set up around Croatia to broadcast the verdicts in a trial focused on Operation Storm, a lightning offensive that seized back land annexed by rebel Serbs at the start of the Balkans conflict.

The three generals charged in the case, Ante Gotovina, Ivan Cermak and Mladen Markac, are considered heroes in their home country.

Nigeria police: Muslim sect kills 2 before vote

Authorities in northern Nigeria are blaming a radical Muslim sect for killing two people and wounding five others a day ahead of the country's presidential election.

Borno State Police Commissioner Michael Zuokomor said gunmen who hid their Kalashnikov rifles in long flowing gowns attacked residents Friday morning in the city of Maiduguri.

The radical group known as Boko Haram has been killing politicians and security agents in the area for months. Last week, a bomb exploded at a polling station near a market, killing at least one person.

– Compiled by Nicole Castro

Schriner looks to enhance College of Arts and Architecture's infrastructure

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lot of talking about going forward—it was survival mode," said Schriner.

In the Worlds Ahead Strategic Plan, an outline of goals set forth by the University for the next five years, the Arts has been established as one of four targeted areas aimed for improvement and expansion.

Due to the current limitations on faculty and space, a focus will be placed on enhancing the College's infrastructure, which involves hiring more faculty and increasing the number of academic advisors.

"We want to make sure that we maintain our quality. We want to make sure that we don't just grow the college without building the infrastructure to continue the quality," said Schriner.

With an improved infrastructure, plans are underway to expand the College's degree offerings as well.

A bachelor's degree in communication arts was just recently authorized, and others are being considered after faculty evaluation.

"We've had talk of expanding degrees in music, theatre, architecture, so those are all potential ideas. We do have the opportunity, because of the strategic plan, to think

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Brian Schriner, Dean
College of Architecture and The Arts

about how we can expand our degree offerings," said Schriner.

Both Schriner and the Strategic Plan intend to use the arts to community problem solving and give students opportunities to participate in service learning.

"I think the President and the Provost realize that the Arts are critical to a city and a University's development. The city we live in is amazing in terms of access to culture and the arts," said Schriner.

Capitalizing on South Florida's diverse culture and access, the Strategic Plan emphasizes the importance on local, national and international engagement from every facet of the Arts.

"It's not just about putting on a play or a concert. It's about looking at our community and the various problems that face it, and we can engage the community through the arts to solve the problem," said

Schriner.

"Instead of just having a play about domestic violence—What about the teaching that goes along with it? What about the talk after the presentation? Getting the actors involved in community service would expand on that," said Schriner.

This isn't the first time that the newly appointed dean has taken on an administrative role at FIU.

Throughout his more than two decade career at the University, Schriner has served as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Director of the School of Theatre, Dance, and Speech Communication, the Chair of the Speech Communication Department, the Director of FIU Forensics Program and the Director of Faculty for FIU's Legal Studies Institute.

Schriner feels that through the experience from his past positions, he has been "trained" to handle the responsibility

for his role as dean.

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"90 percent is listening to what other people have to say, because most if not all of the ideas come from someone else. The role of the dean or someone in this position is to facilitate and to try to bring them together," said Schriner.

While Schriner has always been a part of the limelight at the University and in the Theatre program—being named FIU's Instructor of the Year and publishing three communication textbooks—he assure that he has never had a desire for that spot on stage.

"I've been on stage multiple time for student projects, but I haven't my big break. I'm more of a behind the scenes guy—maybe box office," said Schriner.

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TENNIS

Final regular season match canceled due to weather



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Lisa Johnson [above] goes for a serve during a home match for FIU. Their season finale vs. UCF was canceled due to inclement weather.

BRANDON WISE Staff Writer

The FIU Golden Panthers tennis team, ranked No. 69 in the nation, ran into a disappointing day on April 16 as rain caused their match against the Central Florida Golden Knights, ranked No. 68 in the nation, to be canceled.

The match had only just begun when the rain began to fall on the courts, causing an hour and a half rain delay. When the teams returned to the court, it was only minutes before the rain began again and forced the teams to call it a day. Senior Maria Spenceley was sad to see her last home match end the way it did.

"It is disappointing," said Spenceley. "It was our last home game and we got to play about three games in total. But it does happen, there is nothing we can do about it."

Liset Brito, ranked No. 61 in the nation, had a slightly different feeling about today.

"It is always good to play," said Brito. "But this isn't going to affect us."

SENIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This was to be the last time two seniors, Liset Brito and Maria Spenceley, would play a match on their home court. Spenceley is proud of her accomplishments while she was here.

"I definitely had my ups and downs," said Spenceley. "But this year was one of my best out of the four. I am happy to leave on that note."

Brito has felt nothing but pride playing here at FIU.

"I am very proud of being a Golden Panther," said Brito. "A lot of people ask me since I stay here in Miami 'Oh, you went to Miami' and I just say no I went to FIU and I really liked it. It has been a great four years and very

different from anything I had done before."

Over the course of their four seasons at FIU, Brito and Spenceley have led the Golden Panthers to a 56-30 record, a 2009 Sun Belt Title, and two appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

Brito has had a bright career and is currently tied for fifth on the all-time wins list at FIU with 59 victories as well as fourth all-time in doubles with 56 victories. She was ranked as high as No. 57 in the nation and was also a member of the Sun Belt Academic Honor Roll.

Spenceley finishes her career on the Sun Belt Academic Honor Roll and tied for twelfth all time

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2011 Regular Season Stats



LISET BRITO

W-L: 17-8

Dual: 12-4

Last 10: 9-1

Rank: 62

2011 Regular Season Stats



MARIA SPENCELEY

W-L: 12-14

Dual: 9-7

Last 10: 9-1

Rank: --

BASEBALL

Fondon picks up win over Louisiana to even series

ANDRES LEON Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers tried to bounce back against Ragin' Cajuns in the second game of the three-game set on April 16 and starter R.J. Fondon continued his success on the mound as the Golden Panthers got the best out of the Ragin' Cajuns with an 8-2 victory.

Fondon only gave up one earned run in eight innings of work.

"Fondon is a four pitch guy, fastball, change up, cutter, and a slider. If he gets them all going we'll be in good shape," said coach Turtle Thomas about Fondon.

While Fondon was having success against the Ragin' Cajun bats, Joe Zimmermann, Louisiana's starter, struggled against the Golden Panthers offense.

After allowing two runners on base in part of an error and a walk, Jeremy Patton singled down the right side for the first run of the game.

With a 1-0 lead early on, Rudy Flores hit a dribbler past second. Although Patton got called out on the play, Wittels sped home for FIU's second score.

Zimmermann would continue to struggle with his fastball throughout the game.

Iosmel Leon knocked single to center field, driving Shantz home to give FIU a 3-0 lead over the Cajuns.

After Louisiana scored on a sacrifice fly in the top of the fourth, FIU responded back in the bottom half of the inning. Martinez and Henry both had singles up the middle to give FIU (21-16, SBC 6-8) runners on first and second. Shantz stepped into the box and drove a ball past third base to load the bases for FIU, forcing ULL (20-15, SBC 8-6) to change pitchers.

Yoandy Barroso knocked single to right field to bring Martinez. Iosmel Leon grounded into a double play as Jabari Henry scored to put FIU up 5-1 going into the fifth.

Zimmermann only pitched three innings, giving up four earned runs while allowing five hits. FIU had to respond once again after the Ragin' Cajuns cut the deficit to 5-2 in the fifth.

After a base hit from Wittels and ground out by Patton, which advanced Wittels to second, Mike Martinez drove in another run with a single to

left field.

After compiling a 6-2 lead, the Golden Panthers scored two more insurance runs in the seventh and eighth innings to seal the deal.

"We had a tough night last night, but R.J. really stepped up and was in rhythm. He only struck out two, but he read the hitters pretty well tonight," said Thomas, who was pleased with giving the bullpen some rest.

Bryam Garcia, the only relief pitcher needed that night, pitched the ninth for FIU.

"It was important to get this win and take it to a game three with something to contend, but we have to be more consistent and play all three spots better," said Thomas. "If we slip on either defense, pitching or even our hitting we'll let the others slip as well."

UL 7, FIU 3

The Golden Panthers began a three-game set against the Ragin' Cajuns on April 14. Louisiana-Lafayette came in fourth place in the Sun Belt Conference. ULL (19-14, SBC 7-5) had lefty Taylor Hubbell on the mound going up against

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SOFTBALL

Golden Panthers split doubleheader vs. WKU

MALCOLM SHIELDS Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers returned home to open up a crucial three game conference series against Western Kentucky beginning on April 16 in a doubleheader.

FIU split the doubleheader, winning the first game 7-1 and falling in game two to the Hilltoppers by a 5-4 score.

FIU 7, WKU 1

Starting pitcher Jenn Gniadek got off to a slow start in the top of the first inning for the Golden Panthers. The Hilltoppers placed runners at first and second with no outs on a Kelsie Mattox walk and on a fielding error by Jessy Alfonso on a bunt by Ciara Garcia.

Both Western Kentucky base runners advanced a base on a passed ball and Laura Smith delivered an RBI single to right field scoring Mattox to give Western Kentucky an early 1-0 lead.

On the same play, Ashley McClain threw a strike from right field to retire Garcia who attempted to score from second base to limit the scoring to one run.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Golden Panthers took advantage of two Hilltopper errors to put a run on the board. Alfonso led off the inning with an infield single and after a sacrifice bunt by Beth Peller that advanced Alfonso to second base, McClain reached base on an error by shortstop Amanda Thomas.

On McClain's attempt to steal second

base, the throw by catcher Karavin Dew was offline and trickled into the outfield which allowed Alfonso to score to tie the game.

The Golden Panthers added two more runs in the second inning after FIU put runners on second and third when Jenny Welch was hit by a pitch and was followed by a double by Alex Casals. Alfonso drove in both runners on a RBI single to left to give FIU a 3-1 lead.

"We put the ball in play and moved runners over [in] situational hitting," McClain said. "We just swung big. Coming into the game that was our adjustment and we went out there trying to get hits."

McClain had a solid game at the plate as she went 2-for-4 with a solo home run in the third inning and a two-run homer in the sixth.

"I was looking for a pitch to hit," McClain said. "I saw a pitch I liked and swung hard."

FIU added a run in the fourth inning on Alex Casals's first home run of the season.

After giving up a run in the first inning, Gniadek slowed down the Hilltopper lineup as she only gave up three hits in the game to collect her eleventh win on the season.

"I thought she was in control the entire game," coach Beth Torina said. "After the first inning, there wasn't a real threat for the rest of the game."

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Pitching falters in series opener against Louisiana

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Phil Haig for FIU (20-14, SBC 5-7).

Prior to the series opener, Haig made eight appearances for the Golden Panthers, pitching 48 innings with an ERA of 4.10. The Golden Panthers were denied of any hope of a sweep this weekend, losing to the Ragin' Cajuns 7-3, slipping after building a three-run lead early on.

Things appeared to open up well for the Golden Panthers. Leadoff Bermudez has had a great season offensively up to now with a batting average of .425. Hubbell took no chances, walking Bermudez to put him at first.

After a Garrett Wittels singled to right field to take the speedster Bermudez to third, Mike Martinez grounded out to the shortstop to score Bermudez in the bottom of the first.

With the lead in their favor, the Golden Panthers opened the second inning with a bang. Jabari Henry crushed a solo shot to left field, putting FIU up 2-0. Henry, who belted 12 home runs last season, recorded his fifth home run of the season.

Another FIU bat rose to the occasion in the following inning. Off a low, sinking pitch from Hubbell in the third, Bermudez belted his first homerun of the season. It was another solo homerun for the Golden Panthers, this time a shot past the center field wall.



ALEX GARCIA/THE BEACON

Jabari Henry [No. 14] is congratulated by his teammates after a home run on April 15.

Bermudez is already halfway past his hits total from the previous season. In 2010, the centerfielder had 85 hits. He is currently at 52 this season.

Phil Haig pitched three innings of scoreless baseball, until the top of the fourth inning. Louisiana's bats began to grow patient on the redshirt junior. During the fourth, Haig walked

three consecutive batters to load the bases for Louisiana. Haig plunked the following hitter, Michael Strentz to give the Ragin' Cajuns their first run of the game.

Haig would continue to struggle in the fifth. After striking out Jordan Poirrier earlier in the game, the Cajun second baseman would take revenge. With two runners on, Poirrier hit a

home run over the left field wall to not only give Louisiana a 4-3 lead but also forcing the FIU pitching coaches to make a change.

FIU brought in Jose Velazquez in relief for Haig, but things did not change.

Mike Petello continued to make the situation difficult for FIU. In the seventh inning, the right fielder for the Ragin' Cajuns would double to left field, bringing their leadoff Alex Fuselier home for an insurance run to build a 5-3 lead.

After just pitching two innings and getting five strikeouts, Mason McVay would relieve Velazquez in the seventh inning. McVay, another lefty would give UL another insurance run, after a low pitch to Lance Marvel resulted in a double down the left field line, bringing Petello home for the 6-3 lead.

The Golden Panthers would make two more pitching changes after McVay. Logan Dodds was sent to the mound but after one inning of play, Dodds would be relieved by another lefty, D.J. Swatscheno to close for FIU.

Despite all five pitchers combining for 14 strikeouts, the pitching staff allowed seven runs, which resulted in a 7-3 loss to the Ragin' Cajuns. Haig gave up four runs in his outing, resulting in his third loss of the year.

"We imploded on the mound. We couldn't find the strike zone," coach Turtle Thomas said after the loss.

Late home run spoils FIU chance for sweep



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Mariah Dawson [above] started for FIU in their loss to WKU in the second game of a doubleheader on April 16.

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WKU 5, FIU 4

Through the first four innings, the Golden Panthers had multiple opportunities to put runs on the scoreboard but left runners stranded on base.

In the first inning, the Golden Panthers loaded the bases with no outs. On a Brie Rojas flyout to right field, Alfonso was thrown out at home on a throw by Smith for the Hilltoppers. Kayla Burri followed with a groundout to end the inning.

In the second and third innings, the Golden Panthers put runners on base but were unable to drive them in as Mallorie Sulaski for Western Kentucky was able to pitch out of jams. Golden Panthers' starting pitcher Mariah Dawson matched Sulaski pitch for pitch as she kept the Hilltoppers scoreless through three innings.

In the fourth inning, the Hilltoppers got timely hits to take the lead. Western Kentucky put two runners on base and Amanda Walden executed a sacrifice bunt to move both runners to second and third. Megan Johnson laced a doubled to left center field, which gave Western Kentucky a 2-0 lead.

The Hilltoppers added another run in the fifth inning on a Dew triple to right field.

In the fifth inning, the Golden Panthers got a chance

"We just swung big. Coming into the game that was our adjustment and we went out there trying to get hits."

Ashley McClain
Pitcher/Outfielder

to get back into the game. Casals started with a one out single and following an Alfonso walk, Peller was hit by a pitch to load the bases. In a very tough at bat, McClain battled Sulaski and drew a bases loaded walk. With two outs Burri cleared the bases with a double to left center to give FIU a 4-3 lead.

"I guess I hit well under pressure," Burri said. "I was looking for [a pitch] inside in my zone. When there are runners out there, I just hit."

The Golden Panthers (24-22, 10-7 SBC) were unable to hold on to the slim lead as Dew, who went 2-for-3, hit a two out, two-run homer to left, to give the Hilltoppers a 5-4 lead. Sulaski closed out the game for Western Kentucky (23-21, 4-10 SBC) to collect her tenth win of the season.

FIU will look to add another conference title

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in doubles competition with 42 wins.

LOOKING FORWARD

The Golden Panthers are now looking forward to next week's Sun Belt Conference Tournament, which will begin on Thursday, April 21. They will be hoping to win another conference title, adding to the four they have won since 2005.

The will enter the tournament with the No. 1 seed and are expecting nothing but a championship from their trip to Mobile, AL. Spenceley thinks the team will dominate.

"I expect us to win and beat everybody," said Spenceley. "But you never

know, anybody can beat anybody on any given day."

The team will play their first match on Friday against either the No. 8 or 9 seed in the tournament at 9 A.M.

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LAST HURRAH

SPC president leaves imprint on organization

**ASHLEY MARIE
LAPADULA**
Staff Writer

The Student Programming Council at FIU's Modesto A. Maidique Campus just finished another great semester with Cristina Rodriguez, the proud president, leading the way.

Currently a senior, majoring in public relations with a minor in Spanish, Rodriguez will be attending graduate school at DePaul University in Chicago to pursue a Masters of Public Service with a concentration in higher education this upcoming fall.

If you are wondering what the Student Programming Council (SPC) is about, you are in luck.

Rodriguez spoke with The Beacon Newspaper and gave us some insight on the council and what she calls, "The organization that has been the rhythm of my college experience."

As president of SPC, Rodriguez's main focus is scheduling events throughout each semester. The events range from comedy shows to movies, lectures, pool parties

and concerts. Today, the council programs over 70 events for students and the community.

SPC continues to develop and will continue to provide cultural, educational, recreational and social programs directed at building unity and pride among the student body.

When asked how she keeps up with school and all the events she said, "I keep organized with meetings, planners and my Blackberry."

Rodriguez believes that in order to be able to run an organization such as SPC, "You need to be able to have an eye for detail. Whether it is programming, marketing, finances, administration or membership, it is all equally essential for success." She has been able to attain much success for SPC.

"Part of our accomplishments has been having a shared vision and allowing for all the members of the organization to have ownership of that vision," said Rodriguez.

"I have been lucky to have such a talented team, with members specialized in various areas, which has made SPC a well-rounded

autonomy."

Members of SPC, such as Gabriela Lambertus, VP of Outreach, said, "Cristina quickly became an essential part of SPC."

"Few times in life have I seen someone as passionate and committed as Cristina is with SPC. She truly has left a strong mark on the organization itself as well as all of us that have had the privilege of working beside her."

Lukas Calafell, treasurer of SPC, added, "Cristina has always maintained a positive influence in the organization."

"She always kept in mind that we do what we do for our fellow students and peers. I believe she set a positive and proactive foundation and vision for the organization and for those who will follow after her term as SPC President."

Rodriguez began her involvement with SPC as a General Member in 2007. She was selected as the VP of Outreach for the 2008 - 2009 academic year and embarked into the world of marketing and public relations.

Not only did she learn how to properly market the programs as

VP of Outreach, but she "explored programming, assisted with the daily office operations and oversaw what is now a \$320,000 budget."

A year later she became President of SPC and had the opportunity to develop professionally in the field of Student Affairs. She became the Student Projects Coordinator for the NACA South Conference which offers students a wide variety of resources for college event planning including work shops and entertainment information.

Rodriguez finished the year as the reelected president of SPC, guiding the organization through a second transition.

Stephanie Suarez, Vice President of Programming, said, "UP-Roar week turned out amazing. All of SPC worked very hard and I think it showed through all of the events. All of the UP-Roar events were filled with students who definitely were enjoying themselves and having a great time. Overall, I'm definitely very pleased."

For more info, contact spc@fiu.edu or follow them through their website at www.fiu.edu/~spc.



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Senior Christina Rodriguez (above) is graduating and ending her term as president of SPC. "The organization has been the rhythm of my college experience," says Rodriguez.

FASHION FINDS

Summer brings steamy weather and an end of an era

Since I have early menopause (undiagnosed), summer is always unwelcome. I'm always suffocating in the heat even when I'm wearing the tiniest amount of clothing.

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RODRIGUEZ

Summer is full of vacations, beach trips and lazy days with a book you actually want to read and aren't forced to for class.

It's also full of steaming hot weather thanks to the Florida sun. You can tell that I'm spoiled because I'm complaining about having warm, tropical weather all the time.

Battling the heat, staying comfortable and actually looking cute aren't the easiest of tasks.

To me, Daisy Dukes, or denim cutoffs as they are more commonly known, are the easiest solution to the heat.

Albeit a little cowgirl trashy, plenty of girls can rock the look.

Short shorts like these are intimidating to a lot of girls. I'm terrified of them and go through a routine every time I wear them.

There's lotion (the moisturizing and self tanning kinds), squat and lunge exercises around my house (they don't actually do much but provide emotional support), and about half an hour spent trying to figure out which shoe gives me the proper proportions and doesn't cut me off at my not-so-beloved "cankles".

It's really about choosing the right length when picking shorts. If you don't look like a supermodel or toothpick and feel more comfortable with a little coverage, choose a longer mid-thigh length short.

Note: A longer short is not easy with proportions. Go for a boyfriend fit short, these are loose and sit lower on the hip. Then pair them with a billowy top so you can look all bohemian without even trying.

I like to pair denim shorts with peasant tops and light button downs. Oh, and my

best inanimate friend, the v-neck tee.

Don't be afraid to play with color when it comes to summer.

Whether the color is in style or not, if it's bright, you can wear it. Corals, turquoise and neon colors are easy to wear during the summer. They're blinding and can only be worn in small doses in other seasons, but for summer they can all be brought of the closet.

Sunglasses are also a good way to have some fun with style. Forever 21 offers loads of styles and they're all under \$10. Try cat eyes, oversized Jackie O styles, aviators and wayfarers.

I'm a classic Ray-Ban girl. I love the style and it was worth the investment because I wear them all the time. I love them so much I even wear them indoors sometimes. Yes, I'm that person.

I haven't decided if I'm fortunate or unfortunate for getting an internship this summer, but I'll have to wear business casual clothes all season. The fun will be figuring out ways to incorporate color and light breezy fabrics into outfits that

are suitable for the office.

At least I get to wear heels!

Summer also brings the end of my column. I've had a lot of fun writing this column for the past year. It's definitely been a trial and error process because a fashion column hasn't always been a part of The Beacon's vision.

I'm happy to be the one to include talk of shoes, clothes and bags into every issue.

I hope I've been able to give everyone a tiny piece of advice that they have actually enjoyed or applied to their life.

I wish you all the best, broke fashionistas.

And just for a little self-endorsement, I'm in the process of starting my own fashion blog. It doesn't have a name or a URL or anything yet but it's a good idea, I swear. I'm sure the next columnist will namedrop me all the time once it's up. No pressure.

Fashion Finds is a weekly column on fashion. Look for it every Monday.

SoBe Bass Museum home to year-round art shows



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KATHY PAZ
Staff Writer

The week of Art Basel isn't the only time South Beach offers a cultural experience in the arts to both visitors and locals. In fact, the area hosts a prominent and well-established South Florida museum.

Year round, The Bass Museum of Art strives to expose the community to both classic and contemporary pieces that provoke discussion and engage audiences.

The Bass Museum of Art was established in 1963 when John and Johanna Bass donated a private collection of 500 Renaissance and Baroque works to the city. Most of the pieces were European paintings, important textiles and religious sculptures.

Since its founding, the museum has grown considerably, now housing over 3,000 pieces that include 15th century to present European painting and sculpture; seventh to 20th century textiles, tapestries and ecclesiastical vestments and artifacts; 20th and 21st-century North American, Latin American, Asian and Caribbean art.

Along with these, there are photographs, prints and drawings and modern and contemporary architecture and design with emphasis on the pre and postwar design history of Miami Beach.

Currently on display at the Bass is

“Come Together,” an exhibition by married artists Frances Trombly and Leyden Rodriguez-Casanova.

The couple, widely known in the Miami art scene, put together installations that are inspired by everyday objects.

Those who attended last year's “Aesthetics and Values Fine Art Exhibition” at the Frost Art Museum may recall Trombly's works.

For “Come Together,” the artists combine their efforts; Trombly showcases hand-stitched, embroidered household pieces such as mops, canvases and drop cloths, and Rodriguez-Casanova takes decorative items and attempts to deconstruct a domestic environment.

In this, they will merge and contrast hand-made elements with mass-produced ones. This exhibition will be up until June 19.

A second current hosting is “An Invitation to LOOK.” Featuring approximately 40 works from the permanent collection, this presentation aims to move away from the conventional approaches taken by museums in organizing and arranging art by historical context.

The exhibition features paintings by American, Dutch, English and French artists. Among those are Impressionist pieces by Jean-Baptist Armand Guillaumin, small etchings by Rembrandt and

various 14th century Flemish and Italian altarpieces.

One of the collection's most prized pieces, “Coronation of the Virgin with Saints” by Sandro Botticelli and Domenico Ghirlandaio, will also be on display. “An Invitation to LOOK” is on exhibit until early July.

In addition to the two, current exhibitions, the Bass Museum of Art is also the home of Florida's only Egyptian gallery.

This sponsored collection is made possible by multiple entities including the City of Miami Beach Cultural Affairs Program, the Miami-Dade Board of County

Commissioners and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Hosted in the Kaiser and Kosh Family Gallery, the exhibition is comprised of 16 ancient Egyptian artifacts, including a sarcophagus and mummy, that have been gifted to the museum or are on long-term loans from the Brooklyn Museum and Lowe Art Museum.

The museum is open to the public from Wednesday to Sunday.

Admission is \$6 for students with a valid ID on location or \$2.50 via Culture Shock Miami for those who are aged 22 and under.

ON THE PROWL

Girls making the first move could be good for everyone

The female gender has undergone some serious evolutionary changes in society. We're now independent women that can buy our own cars, houses and other luxuries. We're aggressive and we call

the shots in high-powered positions originally held only by men. So why are we still afraid to make the first move? Why are we still shying away from initiating a date?

No, it's not the man's “job.” It can be anyone's job.

Yeah, it's nerve-racking to initiate conversation or ask someone out, but the thrill of the risk is what makes it fun. After all, you have absolutely nothing to lose. You didn't have a date with him before you approached him and if you walk away without one, working up the courage to actually do it says a lot about you and your confidence level.

I'm not saying you have to make all the moves from now on and while on your

actual date, but just like women, men are attracted to confidence.

I don't know about you, but when a guy sweetly plants a kiss on my lips while on the first date, it's much more effective than when he asks if he can first. It shows me he's a confident person, but not so confident to the point where it's repulsive.

I've recently been trying this out by making baby steps. I've yet to go all out and just walk up to a guy and say “hey, I think you're cute so let's go out on a date,” but I've definitely been throwing out bones.

I've been single for a while now and feel I'm ready to start dating seriously again. So I'm not passing up any chances of meeting an eligible bachelor just because he didn't approach me first. It's 2011, ladies and gents.

If I see an attractive guy, I make any excuse to start up some small talk. It can be anything from complimenting something he's wearing or commenting on something happening nearby. It really doesn't matter what you say because he'll be more impressed by the fact that you came up to him first.

If after a few minutes the guy appears to be promising, I usually up the ante on the flirting. Once the conversation starts, it'll naturally progress to exchanging information if need be. If he's not what I expected, then at least I know I've made a new friend who may have cute friends!

Fellas, when a woman comes up to you, you better recognize the incredible amount of courage it took for her to do that and appreciate it. Unless it's a woman that is obviously giving off the “skank” vibe and regularly goes up to men with “other” intentions.

Ladies, I know it's disappointing when you find out attractive guys have zero personality, but never be rude. Just find a polite way to excuse yourself from the conversation and continue your prowl.

I'm graduating from FIU's School of Journalism and Mass Communications on May 2nd, so this is my last installment of “On The Prowl.” Thanks to all those that actually read it. If you're interested in continuing OTP as a columnist, please email the Life! Editor.

It's been fun. Happy dating, OTP readers! XO, LDS.



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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011

BBC BANQUET

WHEN: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC WUC Ballrooms

HATHA YOGA



WHEN: 1:30-2:30 p.m.
WHERE: Behind the organic garden

GOING GLOBAL: BRINGING EMBRAER TO THE WORLD

WHEN: 2-4 p.m.
WHERE: MMC GC Ballrooms

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR COLLEGE KICKSTART

WHEN: All Day
WHERE: MMC ZEB, 3rd Floor, box near the elevators

RESUME & COVER LETTER WRITING WORKSHOP

WHEN: 2-3 p.m.
WHERE: MMC GC 230

“INSTITUTIONS COUNT: THEIR SIGNIFICANCE IN LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT”

Introducing Alejandro Portes from Princeton University.
WHEN: 4 p.m.
WHERE: MMC MARC Pavilion

BIOLOGY HONORS PRESENTATIONS

WHEN: 2-5:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to all FIU students and faculty
WHERE: MMC WC 130

WEEKLY MEDITATION



WHEN: 3-4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC 305

FOOD BANK/ PET CARE SUPPLIES DRIVE

WHEN: All Day
WHERE: MMC DM 331/ Briarwood Animal Hospital

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011

BSU TENDAJI GRADUATION GALA

WHEN: 8-10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC Ballrooms

FOOD BANK/ PET CARE SUPPLIES DRIVE

WHEN: All Day
WHERE: MMC DM 331/ Briarwood Animal Hospital

MAPS STUDY GROUPS

WHEN: 8-9:30 p.m.
WHERE: MMC GC 287A

“PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES”

Introducing Dr. David Renné, President of the International Solar Energy Society.
WHEN: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
WHERE: MMC SIPA Conference Room 524

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDIES

WHEN: 7:30-8:15 a.m.
WHERE: MMC ROTC Trailer next to W10A

FEDERALIST SOCIETY PRESENTS:

Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg, US Court Of Appeals For The DC Circuit.

WHEN: 11 a.m.-1:40 p.m.
WHERE: MMC Large Courtroom

WEEKLY MEDITATION



WHEN: 2-3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC GC 314

END OF SEMESTER PRAY FOR FINALS LUNCH

WHEN: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
WHERE: MMC GC 343

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ECON WITH NEDA

Deficit compromise a limited solution

In recent weeks, the media's attention has been focused on how best to address America's looming budget deficit

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NEDA GHOMESHI

and ballooning debt. President Barack Obama is looking to address this issue by increasing taxes on some people while curtailing the budget. On April 7, Congress approved a funding plan that reduces federal agency budgets by more than \$38 billion for the second half of the year. However, this funding plan was only approved to temporarily eliminate any threat of a government shutdown. Neither party is pleased with the decision, and the problem is not being solved.

Idealism can be admirable only if it incorporates reality. The current United States' debt is over \$14 trillion. Republicans have thoroughly thought of an illogical plan: they would like to cut spending on government programs over the next decade by \$4.3 trillion in addition to further cutting tax revenues by \$4.2 trillion. Their plan does not lead the U.S. towards a balanced budget. In fact, if this ridiculous plan is implemented, the U.S. is looking at an even deeper deficit. The current deficit is too large, and merely shrinking the budget will not eliminate the

deficit. Realistically, the government needs to generate more revenue and that will only come through increased income taxes.

President Obama provides a great analysis. During his speech on April 13, the President summarized the poor plan designed by Republicans. He said, "There's nothing serious about a plan that claims to reduce the deficit by spending a trillion dollars on tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires."

Let's back-track a little to the 90's with former President Bill Clinton, a Democrat. In an article published on April 12, the *New York Times* summarized the economy stating, "The Clinton years disproved the notion that higher taxes would inevitably stifle economic growth, or cost politicians their jobs. Taxes were raised in 1993, including higher income tax rates on the wealthiest. The economy was strong, and the stock market surged. Taxes were then cut in 1997 in a deal with the Republican-controlled Congress, but by then the combination of higher tax rates on the wealthy, a strong economy and a rising stock market was boosting revenues significantly. By the end of President Bill Clinton's term, the federal budget had been in surplus for four straight years." This example supports that a mixture of budget cuts and increase in revenue is a necessity to shrink the deficit and reduce the debt.

Unfortunately, former President George W. Bush and Congress undid Clinton's progress with \$1.65 trillion in tax cuts for the wealthy, a typical Republican position on taxes. This paved the way for increased deficits, on which track we continue to travel. I am not in any way defending no cuts to the budget. Obviously, government spending needs to be brought under control if we have any hope of cutting and eliminating the deficit.

Representative Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Budget Committee, has similar goals as Obama, but an unfeasible plan to attain that goal. According to the *Washington Times*, Ryan's plan entails the following: "Medicaid would become a block grant controlled by the states; Medicare would become a voucher program starting in 2022. On taxes, Ryan would continue the Bush tax cuts for wealthy Americans set to expire at the end of next year." Basically, Ryan plans on neglecting senior citizens while the rich continue to thrive.

As of now, the problem is being addressed, but not taken care of. The new budget plan implemented is merely the simple way to avoid a government shutdown, not a solution to America's deficit.

Econ with Neda is an economics op-ed column.

THE BEACON | Editorial

Contract, fee increase must produce tangible results

When the University finalized and announced the extension of Pete Garcia's contract on April 1, they locked themselves into a long-term investment to the tune of \$1.9 million in base salary, making him by far the highest paid athletic director in the Sun Belt Conference.

Though Garcia's four years at the University have seen, by most measures, an increase in on-field success, particularly in the revenue-generating sports, it is still prudent for students to question whether that investment will prove fruitful moving forward.

While an athletic director's main goal is to maximize the school's athletic performance, there is also an expectation that the department will be represented well in public matters. In this area, The Beacon feels Garcia's tenure has been far from successful.

The 2009 season saw much contention from Garcia. From the controversial and oft mocked hiring of men's basketball head coach Isiah Thomas and the ensuing embarrassment with regards to the "Coaches Vs. Cancer" tournament, to former University President Modesto Maidique's admonishment and reprimand of Garcia for "unprofessional management and poor leadership style, misuse of state resources [and] hostile work environment," Garcia's time here has been marked by a seemingly constant series of public relations missteps.

It would be hard to question the success Athletics has seen under Garcia, but when taken in totality, Garcia has a lot to improve on to make that investment worthwhile.

The timing of Garcia's contract also brings some questions with it, as it came just weeks before a proposal to increase the athletic fee students pay with each credit hour received by up to five percent.

According to University Chief Financial Officer Kenneth Jessell, part of Garcia's salary comes from the athletics fee, along with other auxiliary funds and the South Beach Wine and Food Festival.

Locking in the contract prior to the athletics fee vote seems to pressure the committee, made up of both students and faculty members, into approving at least a partial increase in order to make up the difference.

As students, we view the athletics fee as an investment, taken from our pockets and diverted towards Athletics to fund the sports teams competing on our behalf. Students also receive free admission to all sporting events on campus in which student athletes compete, as well as the occasional discounted ticket to on-campus events, such as the upcoming Gold Cup soccer games.

However, we feel Athletics can and should do more to give students a return on their investment. From the U.S. Century Bank Arena to the football stadium, students are effectively barred from using Athletics' facilities when games are not being held. Increased access to facilities is just one way in which Athletics can reward students with a return on their investment; free tickets which a fraction of the university population takes advantage of is not enough.

With how heavily we subsidize the department's budget, the onus is on them to see to develop a positive relationship with students and see to it that we are not wasting our money.

Student, professor integrity on the fritz

KELLY MALAMBRI
Staff Writer

Integrity is one of the greatest attributes any human being can have; it leads to success in every aspect of one's life. Unfortunately, I have recently noticed several displays of a lack of integrity throughout the University. If students hope to be successful in their future careers, and if professors intend on teaching students thoroughly, then this behavior must change.

Recently, I have noticed some professors making it exceedingly easy for students who may be slacking off or running behind because of busy schedules to get by with excellent grades without putting in the needed effort. While I am sure many students appreciate the help, but by giving away grades professors are doing more damage to students than help, and are essentially wasting students' money.

It simply does not make sense to pay for an education but receive only a piece of paper instead of the practical

knowledge intended. Professors and students alike should practice more honest techniques in order to obtain the education they claim to be working and paying for.

For example, in recent classes of mine, professors will offer extra credit opportunities to those students who did poorly on exams when the number of students who have failed is great. Opportunities such as these provide students with grades they simply did not earn, and there is no integrity in this practice.

Recently in a class of mine, the amount of extra credit given in such a circumstance was equivalent to one letter grade on an exam worth 35 percent of students' total grade, and was not available to all because of scheduling conflicts. Those who could not make the event but tried honestly on the test were put at a letter grades' worth of a disadvantage.

Meanwhile, the same professor canceled the scheduled class because the event conflicted with his ability to attend class at the normally

"In a time when it is easier to cheat, and more prosperous to have students pass, the lack of integrity displayed by students and professors will continue on."

scheduled time. By taking away actual learning time, and giving away grades, professors are not "molding minds" in any sense of the phrase.

In another extremely appalling instance, a professor sent out an email that hinted to students certain online classes to take that had glitches in them, making it easier for students to pass the class these classes with flying colors and boost their grade point averages. When I finally managed to close my mouth after staring at the screen in shock, I was infuriated.

If not the students who are paying for their education, then at least the professors who claim to devote their

life's work to teaching students should care whether or not their students pass honestly and learn the material being offered. It seems, however, that in a time when it is easier to cheat, and more prosperous to have students pass, the lack of integrity displayed by students and professors will continue on.

In order to achieve the best education possible, and in order to achieve what professors claim to be their true goal, students and professors alike must demonstrate more integrity. The honest students and professors who do so will come to grow, excel and hopefully change lives through such education.

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BRAZIL

Man who killed 12 in school acted alone

Wellington Oliveira, a gunman who killed 12 children in Rio de Janeiro acted alone. Interviews with neighbors, family members and former classmates made it clear Oliveira “always acted alone,” said homicide chief Felipe Ettore.



HAITI

Haiti urged to prosecute Duvalier

Jean-Claude Duvalier may not have directly participated in torture and killings but there is still enough evidence to prosecute him for abuses dating back more than 25 years, a Human Rights Watch lawyer said.



JAMAICA

1st stop on US hospital ship's tour

A U.S. Navy hospital ship brought state-of-the-art medical care to Jamaica, the first stop in a goodwill mission to nine countries. The ship carries over 600 personnel who will provide free surgical procedures.

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Family flees post-earthquake Japan, tells their tale

KATIE LAWRENCE
Staff Writer

Japan's 9.0-magnitude earthquake and subsequent nuclear plant failure has thus far caused 13,500 deaths and uprooted many homes and families, including that of Ayato Kaneko.

Kaneko was at the Biscayne Bay Campus on April 14 as a panelist for “Japan's Nuclear Crisis: A Family's Odyssey,” an event the University's Asian Studies Program sponsored.

The event centered on Kaneko, who fled Japan after the news of spewing radiation began to develop.

“I think it was seeing the prime minister cry on television,” Kaneko said of the final motivator to leave behind his life in Japan and move his wife, 3-year-old daughter, and 6-month-old son to Miami. “It made me realize this was bigger than what they were telling us, and I needed to do what was best for my family.”

Jerry Brown, founding professor of Global and Socioculture Studies at the University and event moderator, and some of his students had heard of Kaneko's plight and have devoted their time and effort to helping him find employment and make it as comfortable a transition as possible.

Kaneko recounted his ordeal and mentioned what he and his family did after the earthquake.

“I was taking a nap and everything started shaking sideways,” said Kaneko, who was 70 miles from his family at the time and could not get in touch with anyone due to busy phone lines.

Highways and trains were closed, but Kaneko found the subway was still running, and upon reuniting with his family they kept shelter inside their home for two weeks.

“My daughter just wanted to go to the park. It was nice outside, and she couldn't understand why we couldn't go,” Kaneko said, tearing up briefly. “I spent that time trying to figure out the safest way to raise our children. It was tough choice. Just grab four suitcases and go. I thought, ‘I think, I made the right decision.’”

Japan's earthquake has caused an international debate on the use and safety of nuclear technology for power.

“Nuclear technology is inherently catastrophic,” said Mark Oncavage, energy chair for the Sierra Club's Miami Group, one of the panelists. “And if you're going to take the angriest, worst stuff in the world, you don't want to put it anywhere above the water table.”

A nuclear meltdown is caused when the core of a nuclear reactor overheats to critical levels. The earthquake in Japan disrupted off-site power and caused the cooling system to fail at the Fukushima plant in northern Japan.

Brown spoke on Chernobyl and the lasting effects of such a catastrophe. Chernobyl is one of the most recognized nuclear disasters which occurred almost 25 years to the day before the Fukushima, Japan incident.

A recent study of nearly 5,000 surveys has confirmed almost 1 million deaths have resulted from Chernobyl, and the scale of the Fukushima meltdown is a “Chernobyl-like event,” according to Brown.



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Yoshihiro Kanno (left), a graduate hospitality student, talks with Akiko Kaneko (right), a Japanese survivor of the 2011 earthquake at the “Japan's Nuclear Crisis: A Family's Odyssey” event on April 14.

“This has the potential to exceed Chernobyl in death toll when the process is done,” Brown said.

And the process may never be done.

Nuclear radiation deteriorates in measurements of half-lives, in which it becomes half as radioactive as it originally was. Plutonium, a common chemical element in nuclear technology, has a half-life of 240,000 years. Even with containment, as was done at Chernobyl, the area surrounding the incident will remain unlivable.

Brown, who has also contributed numerous articles on nuclear power to scientific journals, pointed out the effects if the material is leaked into the water supply can be felt for generations.

“Our children and grandchildren are not merely statistics to which we can be indifferent,” Brown said.

Kaneko, 30, born in America but raised in Japan, expressed his gratitude to the University community and for the safety of his family.

“We're lucky to be alive today,” Kaneko said. “We're just not drinking faucet water.”

Hospitality included in plan

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percent and increasing graduation rates from 45 to 48 percent.

“We will be doing an increase of students by 2,000 this upcoming year,” said Wartzok. “We need to do things differently than we've done in the past.”

Wartzok also mentioned that the University would seek to increase the number of faculty to support these students in efforts to maintain the 27-to-1 student to faculty ratio. For Fall 2011, Wartzok said the University is expecting to hire 80 new faculty members and 32 more graduate teaching assistants.

There will also be an additional 85 staff broken up between advisers, public safety officers and academic support across the University in order to increase the student to adviser and public safety officer to student ratios.

Wartzok also emphasized the addition of an Internship Fair, hoping to increase the amount of opportunities offered to students.

“In the past we've always had a career fair, but we recognize the importance of internships within the total academic package we offer our students,” said Wartzok.

Aside from increases to the student population, the strategic plan also emphasized a revitalized and expanded infrastructure and financial base.

One such project would be the creation of a new residence hall at MMC, aiming to

provide 620 new beds by 2013.

There was no word on a new BBC residence hall; however, Rosenberg stated there is a feasibility study currently underway to help decide whether a new dormitory at BBC should be created.

Among other projects is the renovation of 39 different research laboratories across the University, the establishment of the University's Office of Sustainability, the Stocker Astroscience Observatory at MMC and a Health Care Network clinic in PG-5 Market Station.

“The Health Care Network gives the opportunity for every one of our faculty and staff to have access to world class physicians that have been recruited for our medical school,” said Wartzok.

Wartzok also discussed the opening of a new teaching restaurant at BBC for the School of Hospitality and Tourism management, which will take place this year.

After the presentations ended, the floor was open for questions from audience members at both MMC and BBC.

Several faculty members commented on the lack of ‘FIU’ gear available at retail stores in the community. Rosenberg responded by saying it will take the help of students and faculty reaching out to managers at retail stores, letting them know they won't be back until they start seeing ‘FIU’ gear.

Alexandra Camejo and Jonathan Szydlo contributed to this report.

Global Learning for Global Citizenship

Tuesday Times Roundtable

at Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC)

Ethical Quandries in Social Media

Consuella A. Askew, Libraries

Time & Location: Tues., April 19 12:30-1:30pm
WUC 159 (Wolfe University Center)
Free Lunch Provided

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