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COLLEGE OF LAW

Bierman and Godofsky 'double team' to meet students' career goals

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From blood to research, Ana Bierman's interests led her to a new position as the new director of Career Planning and Placement of the College of Law.

Bierman's official start date was May 1, 2012.

Since then, Bierman helped law students accomplish their career goals by doing research and finding potential employers.

Bierman was born and raised in Miami, but graduated from University of Pennsylvania Law School and received a bachelor's from Cornell University. She returned to Miami and has lived in Miami for most of her career.

"I missed Miami too much, so I had to come back," said Bierman.

Before working at the University, Bierman was a practitioner at the University of Miami for four

and a half years and a professional recruiter for a major recruiting firm, Major, Lindsey & Africa.

She worked at FIU for a year and a half, where she first started as a professor teaching a course called Legal Skills and Values, which is a class for first-year students where they learn to understand the basics of legal thinking and legal analysis research.

"It's very intense but most students understand its value," Bierman said.

Bierman describes herself as being curious and always interested in finding out about how things work.

"I was always very interested in why things were the way they were but I knew I didn't really have an interest in the mechanics of engineering," Bierman said. "At first I thought that maybe I'd

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PANTHER FAMILY FEUDS



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The Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism comes to the Modesto Maidique Campus to recruit students to be part of the SOBE Wine and Food Festival that will take place in South Beach, February 2012. This was the first time The SOBE crew came to MMC to recruit, entertaining students with games, prizes and free food.

Student Government to address online representation

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Students enrolled in online courses could soon be represented by University senators.

If passed, the Online Affairs Committee Creation Act of 2012 would create an ad hoc committee aiming to analyze the current state of online education at the Modesto Maidique

Campus.

Reviewed by the Senate Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee last Thursday, this project presents that there is no current representation for students who are full-time or enrolled in online or students that take at least 50 percent of their classes online.

The committee's job will be to analyze the current state and future of online education and

how it affects the student body. They will also work directly with FIU Online to observe the progress made in online education.

The committee will also formulate legislations that could lead to a proper growth of the online student representation after receiving progress results.

If approved at the next session of senate, under Senate Resolution 1230, a chairperson

and senators would compose the committee.

Sponsors include James Harden and Celia Valle, business senators; Giovanni Castro, Steven Gonzalez and Liane Sippin, at large senators; Kevin Maestre, engineering and computing senator; Saman Sargolzaei, graduate senator; and Raul Alvarez, honors college senator.

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On demand car rental service available to students

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Find a car, swipe a card and drive away.

The Hertz on Demand program allows members of the University community to rent a car on campus by the hour, day or week at any time.

Lisette Hernandez, director of the Department of Parking and Transportation, said the program

is geared toward students who live on campus but anyone who registers with Hertz can use the vehicles.

Hertz on Demand was implemented two years ago under the name Hertz Connect. The program began as a partnership between Parking and Transportation and the Department of Housing and Residential Life.

Junior marketing major Vinesh Kanusing is a housing resident

who had not heard of the car rental program but said he would be interested because he does not have a vehicle of his own.

"Like many other students that live on campus, I don't have a car and I can't afford one at the moment so that actually sounds like a very good program and I would actually use it a lot especially since gas and insurance are included," Kanusing said.

A gas card comes with the car

and is covered by the rental fee, as well as insurance.

People can sign up for free with Hertz online and after approval, they are sent a membership kit within five to seven days. It includes a key card or keychain fob, which they use to access the vehicles.

The cars are located in a lot south of the Charles Perry building.

Members can then reserve

vehicles on campus using the company site, www.hertzon-demand.com/FloridaInternational-University, or through the iPhone app.

To register, applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license.

"You don't need to be 21 to rent the car, which is a problem you run into when renting a car

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Consideration needed for support staff

FIU administration and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3346, the union for support staff at FIU have been in contract negotiations since the start of the year.

On July 25, University administration extended a wage package to the support staff (henceforth referred to as FIU USPS employees).

The wage package was offered conditionally with the caveat that AFSCME Local 3346 accepted a new three-year contract with no substantial changes.

The University wage article stipulated that USPS employees would receive a 2.5 percent or \$2000 wage increase during the first year, a 2 percent increase during the second year, and a 1 percent increase during the final year of the contract.

While this might sound like a reasonable offer, the USPS workers' current contract with the University classifies them all as "at will" employees, which means the Univer-

sity can terminate an employee for any reason, and is not required to justify its actions.

Turning back to the University's wage package, this means that if USPS workers were to accept the package, they would have to continue working three more years without job security after years of dedicated service to the University.

Throughout the course of their negotiations with the University, USPS employees have expressed the desire for a "just cause" clause in their contract.

The incorporation of just cause into the workers' contract with the university would require the University to prove that the termination of an employee was warranted.

This would help ensure a fair and consistent discipline process for all university staff, and would be an improvement over the University administration's current progressive discipline process, which is not contractually mandated and is applied

at the administration's discretion.

The just cause provision that workers are asking for is something that several other universities in Florida already provide; it is not something new or extraordinary and will not cost the University anything to implement.

There is no reason to deny the support staff who keep this institution running basic workplace rights.

The University community should not tolerate the fact that this institution striving to move "Worlds Ahead" while leaving its workforce "Worlds Behind."

The next collective bargaining session between FIU administration and AFSCME Local 3346 is scheduled for Nov. 13 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All are invited to attend. Contact Local 3346 with any questions at 305-467- 3667.

Thanks,
Jose Uribe
Organizer
AFSCME International

THE BEACON | Editorial

More money, less problems

There is more to what goes on in our educational system than what is on campus, and the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus is doing their part to keep students informed.

An example of doing their part is the SGC-MMC senate's recent approval of resolution 1229. The resolution brought about a campaign titled "FIU 2013" which is in support of the University and Miami-Dade's economy.

The campaign, with the support of the University community, is meant to hold the state Florida legislature accountable for a one-time \$300 million cut to the State University System's funding, and a \$24.3 million cut to the University's budget through lobbying campaigns to the state legislature.

It's safe to say faculty and staff are aware of the University's poor budget situation, and the legislature's promise, and it's also safe to say students are not so aware. And we should be aware.

The past four years of tuition increases that University students have experienced – from 2009-2010 to 2012-2013 – have happened for a reason, and it isn't only because the University needs to find other sources of funding.

It is also because funding for this University has gotten to the point where students are now contributing more than the state legislature.

Since 2009-2010 the University has lost a total of \$68.9 million in appropriations, including the \$24.3 million cut in the 2012-2013 academic year.

Although we don't support the budget cuts to higher education at the state level, we do understand the need for tuition increases based on these cuts.

However, going forward, we stand with SGC-MMC in their effort to keep the legislature accountable to their promise.

Any effort to improve the national and/or state economy requires a tangible commitment to higher education, and "tangible" to members of the State University System means funding. It's nowhere near enough for members of the legislature to say they support higher education, yet not provide the adequate funding.

Nor for Governor Rick Scott to say that the current state budget is an education-based budget when it fails to replenish the previous cuts that he signed the previous year.

At FIU in particular, we all need to do a better job of making sure our students have access to the necessary services to go through their years at the University as smooth as possible.

The Beacon has written numerous editorials in which we've told University administrators to prioritize the services that will help us accomplish our main goal of attaining a degree, the onus does not only fall on them.

Members of the state legislature must also provide FIU with the funding it needs. Without the adequate funds the number of classes, advisers, and services in general will not be enough to help us attain our goal of attaining a degree and getting into the workforce.

College dating a liability, not a luxury

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My roommate is from Azerbaijan and he was telling me recently that, back home, if a guy has slept with five or more women he's considered a lady-killer; the cock of the walk, as it were; the snake in the bush.

At the same time, however, if a woman has slept with two or three men she's denigrated for not only having no self respect but for being almost spiritually tainted.

As he tells it, nobody is endeared – even carnally – by a woman's promiscuity; if they are, he says, they'll go so far as to publicly ridicule her to conceal it.

This is only his version of it, of course; but, whatever its accuracy, there's an undeniably similar double standard here in the U.S., if not quite so visceral.

You see it manifested in the amorphous angst that comes up – for some of us – in the light of our partners' sexual pasts, or any sort of childhood sordidness or late-life trauma: their emotional baggage, essentially.

Among most of the couples I know who, in their early 20s, have started dating recently enough that they bring with them a colorful sexual past,

with good and bad experiences and a crazy ex or two, there's inevitable turbulence. Lots of fighting, lots of apologizing and anxious 400-word text messages at 3 a.m..

It doesn't seem, at this age (by which I meant the 18-22 bracket), that most of us are ready for relationships. And that's not such a bad thing.

Some of us certainly are ready, of course, and it's always gratifying to see successful couples in the halls. I certainly don't mean to denounce monogamy. But for others, in trying to cope with their partner's past, it seems there's a lot of obstinate commitment; relationships that yield more frustration than pleasure.

And that's what most of us are looking for at this age: pleasure. That's the goal. Not financial or even emotional stability, not a partner pursuing a similar way of life, or somebody with a consistent lifestyle; we lead comfortable lives already, for the most part, with relatively few responsibilities (spared, as the most fortunate among us are, of children and full-time jobs) and lots of time to fill with friends and partying and hanging out and romance (or lust, whatever).

This is the age at which

“...when we reach that point where we want to slow and settle down, we'll know how to accommodate our partner's differences and past and make a relationship work.”

we need to be developing our social skills, picking up tidbits of romantic and sexual experience and etiquette so that, when we reach that point where we want to slow and settle down, we'll know how to accommodate our partner's differences and past and make a relationship work.

I don't know how many times a friend has told me, with tears in her eyes, that her boyfriend is so listless and she just...she just doesn't get it; or that he's tormented with jealousy by his partner's social life or their ongoing friendship with an ex.

Why are we doing this to ourselves at this age?

While monogamy can be consistent, comfortable, reli-

able and rewarding in a number of ways, these are not the years at which its benefits will best serve us. If anything, they shackle and blind us, restricting experience and, at worst, stunting growth.

So without advocating carelessness or reckless promiscuity, I advise a refrain from serious commitment for those who, even while enchanted by one ostensibly perfect person, find their eyes wandering, examining every passing physique.

Once we free ourselves from this dogmatic worship of monogamy, these sexual double standards and jealous hang-ups will start to peter out.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA Cram Jam to aid late night studying for finals

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Winter break is just around the corner, but students must climb one more mountain before reaching that break: finals week.

Try and deny it, but the semester is coming to a close, and exams are right under our noses. Thankfully, the Student Government Association at the University is continuing the tradition that comes every semester, Cram Jam, a series of fun, yet helpful events that are provided to students in preparation for finals.

One of the main offerings will be food for brain fuel.

Beginning Dec. 3, food and snacks will be offered by various food locations on campus. On Dec. 3, breakfast will be served at midnight at Fresh Foods. Here, President Mark Rosenberg, President of the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus Laura Farinas and SGC-MMC Vice President Alex Castro, along with volunteers, will serve food to students.

Other restaurants on the agenda include Subway and Dunkin' Donuts, which will be served on Dec. 4. Grab & Go Bags will be served that day as well at 7 p.m. in the Green Library, room 220.

Crystal Horta, a senior hospitality management major and academic affairs coordinator at SGA, helps to encourage students to participate through games,

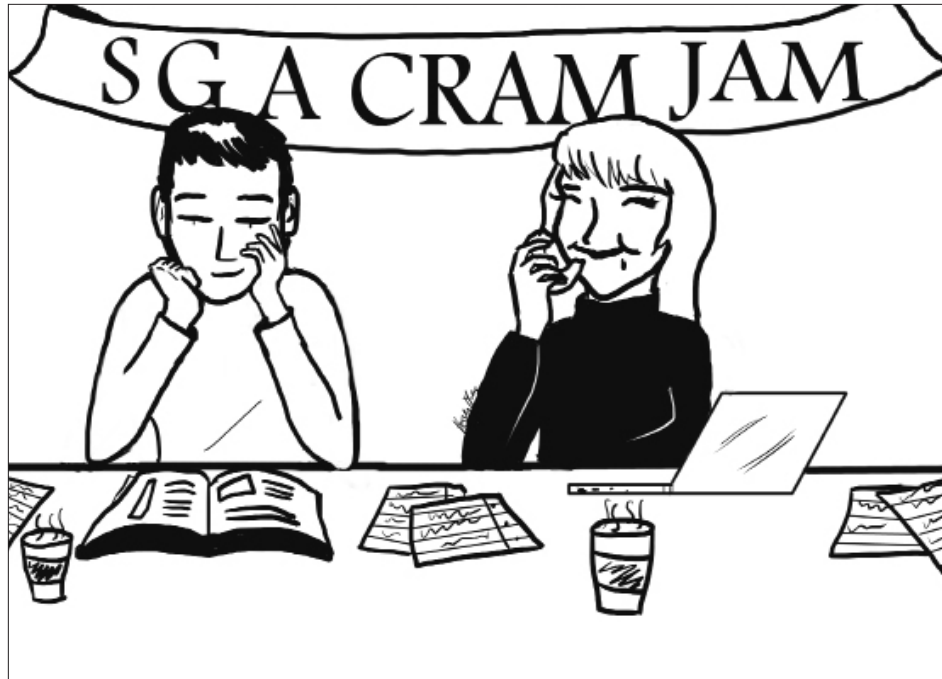


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prize giveaways and food.

GL is open late, so snacks and coffee will be served, especially for students who have their noses stuffed in their textbooks all day.

"Some people, when they are stressed out, forget to eat," said Horta, "The purpose of Cram Jam is to take a break from your studies and go back to it later."

Activities promote social interaction, and the events give students the opportunity to get their priorities in order.

"For people who lost their Panther ID, we are giving them a chance to get one for free at the One Card office," said Horta.

Tutoring will also be offered to students, as well as assistance with writing in the writing center.

Roland Kimbrough, a senior management major, who has attended past Cram Jams, thinks the experience is overall a positive one.

"I definitely think it is a good way for SGA to give back to the students," said

Kimbrough. "I think it gave me a good break from my studies."

With the amount of distractions with food, activities and people, it is possible that these events could hinder a student, rather than help them. But student feedback is positive, showing that these Cram Jams are a success.

Giorgio Izzo, a junior finance and international major, verifies that the Cram Jam is something worth experiencing.

"I have gone to at least three Cram Jams since I was a freshman. Even though I live on campus and have a meal plan, I think it is a good plan for studying," said Izzo.

Some people may feel more comfortable studying at home or in their dorm, but the Cram Jam encourages hermit-like students to not only socialize, but to have fun while studying.

"I think it's a really good initiative to kind of encourage late night studying. I think if you encourage people to stay on campus that late, people are more inclined to stay on campus," said Izzo. "I like to participate in tradition. I think it is a really cool FIU tradition."

With the end of November just around the corner, students are encouraged not only to begin studying, but to participate in these events to relieve stress, eat good food and develop a positive attitude toward finals.

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CAMPUS LIFE!

Students required to 'walk on water' in order to pass

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Walking on water is considered impossible. Italian scientist, sculptor and painter Leonardo Da Vinci has defied it. And so have University architecture students.

On Nov. 8, 79 architecture students put their "walk on water" shoes on and prepared themselves to cross the lake located in front of the Green Library in the Modesto Maidique Campus.

Their motivation: pass one more of their classes and win \$500.

Jaime Canaves, professor in the School of Architecture, assigned his students from his Methods and Material class to design walking shoes to walk on water as their final project for the semester.

"It's traditional for the school of architecture to make boats out of cardboards for boat races," said Canaves. "But I thought our students were a little more special than that, so we decided to do the Walk on Water event."

"Walk on water" shoes was one of Da Vinci's ideas, which according to Codex Atlanticus, "this project... was the expression of the dream of moving on water as on land."

In a pleasant 70-degree weather, the architecture students placed their shoes on one end of the lake to then walk across and pass their final exam. In the middle of the lake was a hanging rope, which determined whether the students obtained an A or not.

There was also \$500 waiting for the student who would cross the lake in the least amount of time. Alex Quinones, architecture student, won for the second year in a row, taking home the \$500.

Quinones broke the record last year by crossing the lake in one minute, 20 seconds, but he broke it again this year by crossing it in one minute, 10 seconds.

"Alex was part of the class last year and he was welcomed to come back and participate again," said Canaves.

This test is 45 percent of their final grade. "It counts as an exam grade," said Canaves. "If they cross successfully, not only do they get an A in the exam, they get to drop another exam grade."

Natalia Montana and Monica Rodriguez, architecture students, worked as a team to build the shoes. Wood, styrofoam, duct tape and two polyvinyl chloride polls were the materials these two students used.

"It will never drown with the foam," said Rodriguez. "As long as you get enough foam to hold your weight, it will never drown."

As some students successfully crossed the lake without falling, others struggled on the water for minutes, refusing to fail.

"The worst part isn't walking," said architecture student Jorge Ernesto Rodriguez. "The worst part is having to swim once you fall."

Rodriguez built his shoes with his teammate Alejandra Botero. "It was an accelerating experience," said Rodriguez.

As the architecture students walked on water, others joined them and cheered during this event that started back in 1989.

"I think this is an excellent lesson," said Canaves. "If you do the research and you test them and you go through the design process, you can almost achieve anything, including walking on water."

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TOP TWO BY ANDRES CARDENAS AND BOTTOM TWO BY EMILY ADAMS/THE BEACON

Architecture students create "walk on water" shoes for class. Alex Quinonez [center], junior architecture major, finished first in the race, receiving the grand prize of \$500.

THE FROST

The Frost to close fall semester with new exhibits

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After celebrating its 35th anniversary, the Frost Art Museum has more art events in store to close off this fall semester. Students and community members can expect one more Target Wednesday in December, the museum’s Art Basel event and other exhibitions.

On Nov. 17, the museum will host a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. to open two new exhibitions; these exhibitions were mentioned by Klaudio Rodriguez, assistant curator to the museum, during an interview on WLRN (91.3 FM) this past summer.

These exhibitions aren’t just about the art. Some will take attendees through history, others pay tribute to renown artists and even contain foreign arts, as the museum never limits itself when it comes to acquiring artworks from all around the globe.

The event will feature ongoing exhibitions such as “Material and Meaning: Earthenware, Stoneware and Porcelain” from the Wolfsonian-FIU Collection, to “Beauty: A Tribute to Mike Kelley, American Sculpture in the Tropics” and “Mark Messersmith: Fragile Nature.” Two new exhibitions will also be introduced: “Reflections Across Time: Seminole Portraits” and “Iván Navarro: Fluorescent Light Sculptures.”

“Reflections Across Time: Seminole Portraits,” curated by Annette B. Fromm, museum studies coordinator, includes 150 years of portraits of Seminole leaders and tribal members by artists such as George Catlin, Edward Curtis and other artists from the 19th

and 20th century. The artworks will show the Seminole artists’ pride and vision of their heritage and will illustrate their history.

“As an educational institution, we want our students and our community to recognize our neighbors and to understand that they never surrendered,” said Carol Damian, director of the museum. “We can recognize their independence and what they looked like through these artworks.”

It will be exhibited with artworks from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the National Portrait Gallery, the National Museum of the American Indian and more.

“Ivan Navarro: Fluorescent Light Sculptures,” curated by Julia P. Herzberg, presents Ivan Navarro’s exploration of light and electrical materials through his fluorescent light sculptures. The series called “Nowhere Man” features three floor sculptures and 14 wall sculptures.

Navarro also makes videos part of his range of works, and thus three videos by the artist will be shown along with the sculptures.

The sculptures of the “Nowhere Man” series were inspired by and use images similar to the pictograms created by Otl Aicher for the 1972 Olympics. It will be the first time the entire series will be shown together in the United States.

“We hope the public will be amazed at an exhibit of works made of tubes of light,” said Damian, who’s excited about the upcoming reception, and expects the attendees to leave in awe.

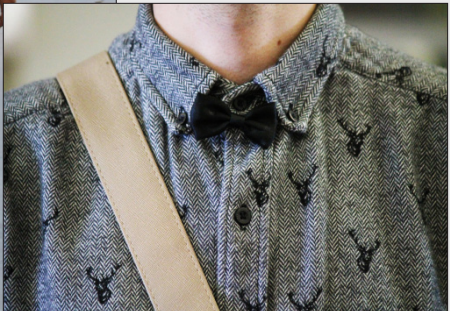
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STYLE SIGHTINGS

How to dress for the upcoming holiday season



Junior political science major Rayehanna Salkey [left] wears a baby blue, pearl-embroidered dress, while Freshman Asian studies major Kearney Kilcoyne wears a tweed, antlered-deer print button down with a clip on bow-tie.



ASHLEY GARNER/THE BEACON

The holiday season is officially here, as we can all tell with the temperature dropping to a chilly 68 degrees and every department store filling their aisles with Christmas decorations.

With Halloween still freshly behind us, it’s already time to start thinking about Thanksgiving, winter break plans, family reunions, and of course, the sure to be many holiday themed parties.

What do you wear, or more importantly, what do you not wear?

Spending the majority of your days on a college campus tends to give you a distorted idea of what is acceptable in public, but when coming home for the holiday get-togethers, your sweat pants and shirt from the day before are not considered acceptable.

Freshman Kearney Kilcoyne, Asian studies major, was seen outside of the MMC Green Library sporting a classically cut gray tweed button down; however, the shirt was covered in a repetitive print of antlered-

deer and topped off with a clip on bow-tie.

Not only did Kilcoyne nail a youthful and humorous look, but he did it with class and something completely parentally-approved.

On the other side of campus near the housing dorms, I met junior political science major Rayehanna Salkey, who spiced things up with a baby blue, pearl-embroidered dress and white oxford flats.

The length of her dress hit right above the knees, making it modest, but playful, and the sleeve-less design played along with it seamlessly.

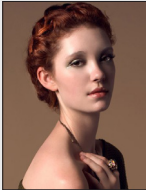
Although baby blue is typically a spring color, if paired with the right scarf and knee-high boots, it can make for a refreshing color scheme in winter time.

Overall Rayehanna’s outfit was completely parental and holiday-party appropriate.

As you all go out and have your parties and shindigs to bring in the festive season, don’t forget as you’re picking out your attire to keep in mind what my mother always told me, “There’s a place and a time for everything.”

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CALENDAR

FALL 2012 EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

INT’L DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN WHEN: 11a.m.-2 p.m. HOW MUCH: Free WHERE: BBC Panther Square	TRANSGENDER REMEMBRANCE FILM WHEN: 12-3 p.m. WHERE: MMC GC-305	FUNDING YOUR EXPERIENCE ABROAD WHEN: 12:30-2 p.m. HOW MUCH: Free WHERE: MMC GC 316
GRASSROOTS: RECAP OF ELECTIONS AND STUDENT COMMENTS WHEN: 4-6 p.m. HOW MUCH: Free WHERE: MMC RDB 1000 - Lg. Courtroom		

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY WHEN: All day HOW MUCH: Free WHERE: FIU	VENTURE ABROAD FAIR WHEN: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. HOW MUCH: Free WHERE: BBC Panther Square	THE WORKS OF LANGSTON HUGHES PLAY WHEN: 2:30-3:50 p.m. WHERE: MMC DM 150
INTERNATIONAL DINNER & CULTURE FEST WHEN: 7-9 p.m. HOW MUCH: Free WHERE: BBC WUC Ballrooms	CLUB FOR MINDFUL LIVING: LUNCH & LAUGH WHEN: 12-1 p.m. HOW MUCH: Free WHERE: MMC RDB 2005	

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IM SOCCER

Deportivo Lara dominates Dream Team in playoffs

JOLSON DIAZ
Contributing Writer

It was a lopsided soccer match between Deportivo Lara and Dream Team – in more than one way. Deportivo Lara took advantage of the five on four matchup against Dream Team and dominated them 9-3 on Nov. 8 at FIU's Recreation Center at Modesto Maidique Campus during the indoor soccer "A" bracket playoff.

Tony Assenza got things started as he scored Deportivo Lara's first goal of the game. Victor Sigala followed right after with an impressive head shot, increasing the lead to 2-0.

Amir Zalloum cut the lead in half after scoring the Dream Team's first goal of the game making it 2-1.

Squeaking shoes were the soundtrack of this game as both teams continued to go back and forth, showing great defense and moving the ball well throughout the court.

An assist from Sigala to Assenza increased the lead for Deportivo Lara 4-1. Miguel "Jupa" Rodriguez made things a little more comfortable after scoring two straight goals to make

it 6-1.

Luck was not on the Dream Team's side as they continued to miss goals by mere inches. Deportivo Lara began to tighten up their defense a little too much after being issued a yellow card due to a rough defense.

Dream Team began to show life as they finally picked up their fifth player and Zalloum was able to score a penalty shot changing the score to 6-2. Although Deportivo Lara's offense would not give up, Rodriguez scored their last three goals and sealed the win.

Focusing practice on defense proved helpful for Deportivo Lara.

"We're a group of friends," said Rodriguez. "We all get along great and we know how we all play. We actually focus our practices on defense since we feel very confident offensively."

Deportivo Lara advances to the next round as they take on Alcoholicos Anonimos on Nov. 14.

BUCK NASTY PREVAILS TO DEFEAT DO WORK

Buck Nasty's offense helped them recover from

GETTING BACK ON TRACK



JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

The Panthers are 3-3 in their last six games as of Nov. 9 with wins against North Texas, Louisiana Monroe and FAU. The team is getting set to wrap up their season against Central Florida in Orlando on Nov. 24 at 7:00 pm.

a two-goal deficit to defeat Do Work 5-3 on Nov. 8 in the indoor soccer "A" ladder playoff bracket in the Rec Center.

Do Work got right to it two minutes into the game and Edison Endrieca got them on the board. John Medina followed shortly with another goal to pick up the early 2-0 lead.

Buck Nasty's defense began to wake up as they blocked a total of 10 Do Work attempted

shots. Ian Jones got their offense going, scoring Buck Nasty's first goal of the game from about mid-court.

Endrieca answered back once more with another goal, protecting Do Work's lead to 3-1. Buck Nasty retaliated and came back, taking the lead thanks to goals from Jones and Diego Perez.

After allowing Buck Nasty to pick up a free kick attempt, Do Work's

frustration got the best of the players. They received a yellow card because of tempers flaring on the court. Rudy Damas put the cherry on top after scoring Buck Nasty's fifth goal to end the game with a final score of 5-3.

Buck Nasty was able to overcome the 2-0 deficit as patience and confidence proved vital.

"It looked bad for us, the first five minutes or so, but we just knew we could

pass the ball well and we were able to score a lot of goals," Jones said. "We stayed patient and after about halfway through the game, we were able to gain some confidence."

Buck Nasty advances to the next round and must wait until a winner emerges between Tre Betia and Free Agent at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 14. The winner plays Buck Nasty at 7:30 p.m.

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GOLF

Belly putters, on the way out, give a punch in the gut

Every once in a while, something comes along that revolutionizes a sport. New gear and rules appear frequently and very often change the game entirely.

Protective gear in football has ultimately affected every aspect of it.

The three-point line added a new dimension to basketball in 1979. Every sport has had its expansions and modifications. but sometimes they are for the worse instead of the better.

Introducing the belly putter – a golf club used for putting that is anywhere between five to 12 inches longer than the conventional putter. It is the center of the new controversy in golf. Unfortunately for the users, it is looking to be banned.

The belly putter is being scrutinized as an advantage for its users. Standard

putters are typically about 3 feet long and require you to use your hands, wrists and shoulders to rotate you through the swing. The belly putter, at its longer length, rests the end of the club on your belly. The user consequently requires a lot less effort on their part to stabilize the shot and ultimately makes it more consistent.

The debate is hovered over this ability of the club. The belly putter is mostly used by players who have trouble with the regular putter. This raises the question of why they are allowed to use something to overcome their handicap.

Players in every sport have one or more aspects of the game they need to improve on, but they don't just come up with some new technology to overcome it.

The perfect example is the bodysuits that were designed for swimming competitively. In the 2008 Olympics and the 2009 Rome World Championships, a combined total of 109 records were

broken in the aftermath of the bodysuit. It became a competition between technologies as opposed to a competition between athletes. What is athletic about putting on a suit designed to make you swim faster?

The Olympic Committee eventually decided to outlaw all suits and simply make the competitors swim in the basic swimming attire. After all, players who don't drive as well aren't allowed overly-sized clubs off the tee.

In basketball, you can't play on a nine-foot rim if you have difficulty dunking. In football, they don't move the goalpost closer for a player who can't kick as far. Why should anyone be allowed to use an instrument to their advantage over the rest of the field?

The argument can be made that everyone can use the club if they feel it is an advantage. This simply allows a player to enhance their game without actually becoming better at it. Being a great putter can be the difference in a match. What

happens if everyone becomes a great putter?

The belly putter ultimately creates a discussion that never existed. There were no arguments of whether or not some players had an advantage with legal clubs before. Everyone played their game and the outcome was eventually decided by skill and not gimmicks. If you want to lower your strokes, practice. You want to become a more consistent putter? Get on the greens and put the time and effort in, the way the legends of the past and present have.

I believe the sport will ultimately do away with the club and keep it practical. There is no need to let the ember turn into the flame. The sport was loved before the belly putter and it will be loved after it is gone. They'll decide to keep the controversy in its other more appealing aspects, like Tiger Woods.

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COMMENTARY



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Feds drop sex abuse case against Syracuse's Fine

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Federal authorities have dropped their investigation into sexual abuse claims that cost a Syracuse University assistant basketball coach his job, threw a top-ranked team into turmoil and threatened the career of Hall of Fame coach Jim Boeheim.

After a probe spanning nearly a year, U.S. Attorney Richard Hartunian said Friday there was not enough evidence to support claims that Bernie Fine had molested a boy in 2002 in a Pittsburgh hotel room.

"The nature and seriousness of these allegations, which involved conduct typically committed in private with individuals who are reluctant to come forward, warranted a thorough federal investigation," Hartunian said.

It wasn't clear yet whether Fine, 66, could get his job back.

His lawyers, Karl Sleight, Donald Martin and David Botsford, said in a statement that they were not surprised by the decision.

"The damage inflicted upon Bernie and his family is simply immeasurable," the lawyers said. "Bernie hopes and prays that the lesson learned and remembered is that a rush to judgment has irreversible consequences."

The investigation erupted in the glare of a spotlight on child abuse shone by the Penn State University scandal that broke shortly beforehand. Two former Syracuse ballboys, Bobby Davis and Michael Lang, came forward Nov. 17 and accused the longtime assistant of fondling them when they were teens. Davis said the sexual contact continued for years.

But the claims by Davis and Lang had happened too long ago to be prosecuted. Ten days later, though, a third man, 23-year-old Zachary Tomaselli, of Lewiston, Maine, went public with an accusation that Fine had molested him in 2002 in a hotel room when the team played in Pittsburgh. The same day, ESPN aired an audiotape in which Fine's wife, Laurie, apparently acknowledged to Davis she knew about the molestation he alleged.

Fine, who denied the allegations, was fired Nov. 27, and the federal government began investigating Tomaselli's claim, the only one that fell within the statute of limitations. The federal statute of limitations that went into effect in 2002 allows prosecution until the victim reaches age 25; Tomaselli was 23 when he made his claims.

Hartunian, in his statement,

said closing the investigation doesn't mean something did or did not happen, only that there wasn't enough admissible evidence to get a conviction. He said that people should come forward with tips if they have any more information.

Davis had made the same accusation against Fine to the university and Syracuse police a decade before, but the police couldn't investigate because of the statute of limitations, and the school said its probe turned up no evidence of wrongdoing. Davis did not immediately return a call seeking comment Friday.

From the start, there were doubts.

When Davis and Lang came forward in November, Boeheim angrily defended his assistant of 35 years and said the accusers were only out for money, seeking to cash in on the publicity generated by the Penn State scandal, in which former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was charged with sexually abusing several boys.

Another accuser, Floyd Van Hooser, said Fine abused him for years but later said he was lying.

That left Tomaselli, who was himself accused of sexually abusing a boy at a camp in 2010 and whose father had said the boy was lying. Tomaselli was eventually convicted of sexual abuse and started a prison sentence of three years and three months in April.

Before he went behind bars, Tomaselli took the media on a wild spin, repeatedly lying in a bid, he said, to keep his name in print:

— He said Fine had made harassing phone calls to him, and Tomaselli got an order of protection. Then he said that was a lie.

— He said he had lied about the whole thing, that Fine had never touched him.

— He reverted to his old claim and insisted Fine abused him.

Tomaselli is serving a prison sentence of more than three years in Maine and could not be reached for comment. His lawyer, Justin Leary, was in court and could not immediately respond to a request for comment.

There were other sordid claims to come out, including that Fine's wife had sex with players and that Boeheim knew, or should have known, of his assistant's behavior.

While his No. 1-ranked Orange continued to rack up wins — they wouldn't drop their first game until Jan. 21 — Boeheim endured criticism and scrutiny and was questioned during news conferences about the case.

Boeheim, who just completed his 36th year coaching Syracuse, vehemently supported his long-time assistant when the accusations broke and said Davis was lying. "The Penn State thing came out, and the kid behind this is trying to get money," he told the Syracuse Post-Standard.

Amid criticism from victims' rights advocates, Boeheim apologized and said he spoke out of loyalty and was basing his comments on a 2005 university investigation that failed to corroborate Davis' claims.

Boeheim referred questions to the university's press office. University spokesman Kevin Quinn said that Syracuse appreciated the work done by the U.S. attorney's office and that the decision to fire Fine was appropriate.

"It was made in the best interest of the university," Quinn said.

Davis and Lang sued Boeheim and the university for defamation, but a judge dismissed the lawsuit, saying Boeheim's defense of his friend was clearly opinion. Gloria Allred, the lawyer who represented the two men, did not immediately comment.

Fine, who put his Syracuse home on the market in March, has been in Florida and was recently hired as a consultant for an Israeli basketball team.

Laurie Fine has sued ESPN, alleging defamation and claiming the network knew that Davis was lying and ruined her life. That suit is pending.

The university's prompt response to the allegations was done in good faith but was flawed because, among other things, there was no direct contact with law enforcement, a special committee of the university's board of trustees said in a report released in July.

Davis met Fine in the early 1980s at a park that was a basketball hangout for kids in a working-class neighborhood. After he became a ball boy in 1983 around age 11, Davis said, he went everywhere with Fine.

Fine turned into a father figure, and as Davis spent more time at the older man's house — actually living there sometimes — the abuse escalated from touching outside the pants to inside, according to Davis.

During an interview in December with The Associated Press, Davis said the abuse would sometimes occur in Fine's campus office with secretaries just beyond the closed door, at Syracuse basketball camp and at a fraternity house.



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An “exception to expectation” in our ecosystem

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In a time of technological development and cruel climate change, society can still preserve the Everglades if water resources are managed correctly.

Evelyn Gaiser, associate professor in the department of biological sciences, will touch upon this topic along with others on Friday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in Key Largo in the Ocean Life Series' lecture “Expecting the Unexpected: Paradox in an Upside Down Estuary.”

Gaiser will also discuss how the ecosystem functions differently from other coastal wetlands.

“[The Everglades] provides the exception to the rule for many hypotheses about how coastal ecosystems work,” said Gaiser.

The lecture is free, open to the public and will be held at the Murray E. Nelson Government and Cultural Center in Key Largo.

According to the Florida Coastal Everglades, algae are extraordinarily productive in the Everglades despite extreme nutrient limitation. This production would be expected to support a large population of aquatic consumers, but it does

not. This phenomenon is what the FCE refers to as the “productivity paradox.”

There is more energy stored in plant matter and fewer animals in the Everglades than ecological models predict.

Many of the predictions scientists and researchers make about the Everglades from a general understanding of coastlines do not hold true, according to Gaiser.

“I hope students leave the lecture with a greater appreciation for the Everglades and for the process of how science progresses by finding exceptions to expectations,” Gaiser said. “Students have fun experiencing exceptions to rules.”

The lecture will address distinctive features of the Everglades, how people depend on them and how the ecosystem can be preserved by correctly managing resources.

Long-term observational data has been paired with long-term manipulations of phosphorus to determine its influence on the productivity paradox. Research indicates that nutrient enrichment temporarily increases algal edibility, increasing production of aquatic consumers.

However, phosphorus enrichment leads to a loss of algae overall, which reduces structural

BABY MANGROVES’ FIRST STEPS



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Daniela Bueso and Shalimar Moreno, environmental studies majors, push a cart of baby red mangroves inside of the Wolfe University Center. Jennifer Grimm, the environmental program manager, organized this restoration project. Students, faculty and staff can adopt the red mangroves for \$5 and later plant them in the School of Environment, Arts and Society's restoration area in between Biscayne Bay Campus and Oleta River State Park.

refuge for aquatic animals and increases their vulnerability to predators.

This research contributes to restoration of the Everglades and for protection of wetlands, as it describes how hydrology controls food web structure directly.

The FCE has also shown through collaborative research in the Caribbean that this phenomenon is not only present in the Everglades, but in other limestone-based wetlands.

“Students should attend the Ocean Life series because it provides a venue for learning

more about the fascinating ecosystems in which FIU is embedded,” Gaiser said. “The more we understand about our local ecosystems, the more we enjoy them and the more we want to learn about them.”

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Down the road, just around the riverbend

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If a student stands at the beach across from the Biscayne Bay Campus swimming pool, looking towards Haulover and A1A, Oleta River State Park is the tropical strand about 500 yards away.

Stretching over 1,200 feet, Florida's largest urban park is a stone's throw away from BBC.

Located at 3400 NE 163rd St., off I-95 in North Miami, this park is nestled in the metropolitan area, hidden off the beaten path.

Oleta's river is fresh water, surrounded by saltwater as well as mangrove preserves, creating a brackish mixture which attracts indigenous wildlife.

Melinda Pointdujour, a junior and nursing major, said she saw a manatee when she was there, and it is normal to even see a pod of dolphins.

The park sports numerous things to do, ranging from kayaking to camping as well as hiking and 10 miles of off-road bicycling trails.

“We have probably the best mountain bike trails in Florida,” said Brian Scott Older, park services specialist. “We

are consistently rated among the top 15 nationally.”

Oleta State Park is one of the few places in North Miami with off-roading trails.

Pointdujour also rode on those trails.

“I am a beginner and I was scared the first time I tried. But after that, I biked on all the trails possible,” she said.

With over four miles of beginner trails to ride, there were plenty of places for her to ride, and although she brought her own bike, there is a shop where students can rent a bike.

Cruisers are \$17 for an hour and a half and \$22 for two hours. Hardtail bikes are \$24 for an hour and a half and \$30 for two hours.

The admission fees vary from \$6 per vehicle with a limit of two to eight people per vehicle and \$4 for a motorcycle or a single-occupant vehicle.

“[Oleta is] so close, with so many things to do,” said Michael Aquino, a junior in business administration.

Aquino goes there about once a month to enjoy the scenery.

He said the park is focused on maintaining the natural South Florida mangrove forest preserve, but he feels that it can grow.

“It would be great to see new activities within the next couple years, but for now it is fine enough for me,” Aquino said.

Other students feel differently about it. Ingrid Martinez, a junior biology major feels that there could be much more.

“Although there is a beach and bike trails, that's all there is. I wish there were more open spaces to picnic, or just hang out,” she said.

Most of the park is covered in either mangrove preserve or bike paths, leaving the majority of this park to paved roads and lots, yet there are still some large pavilions scattered along the exterior that are rented for private parties.

Steven James, guest relations and reservations assistant in Wolfe University Center, has visited there for a couple of private parties, and from where his office is on the third floor of WUC, the pavilions and beach are visible.

“I've seen that they have the kayaking and biking there,” he said. “But I haven't tried them.”

Juliana Aragon, a senior and international relations major, knows Oleta solely for those pavilions.

“Last year I visited there for a barbeque with the Intervarsity Club. It was great, but

I didn't try any activities,” Aragon said.

Jamari Depusoir, a civil engineering sophomore, knows where the park is located, but not by name.

“I tried to go there once, but they try to charge more if you are in a car than if you are walking. I would go there if it was free.”

But despite the charge, the yoga club visited the park last year for a retreat, where they stayed overnight with Bonnie Quiceno, the instructor, and a monk that flew in for the occasion. The next morning, they spent the day kayaking and enjoying the park.

It costs \$22 to rent a single kayak for an hour and a half and \$28 for two hours. A tandem kayak costs \$32 for an hour and a half and \$38 for two hours.

On Dec. 1, Oleta River State Park is holding the first of their Moonlight Concert series at 7 p.m. Acoustic duo, Jennings and Keller will perform. Tickets at the door are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children under 6 years old.

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