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## RELAY FOR LIFE



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**LEFT:** FIU President Mark B. Rosenberg cuts the ribbon alongside Mr. and Miss Relay, Natalie Agramonte, a junior psychology major and Joseph Paz, a freshman criminal justice, Lorena Gomez, a junior finance major, and Roary, to begin the 24-hour Relay for Life event. **RIGHT:** Barbers from FIU's Golden Touch participate in Relay for Life's Shave-a-thon event, shaving 30 heads in the fight to support cancer.

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## Lecture to engage in nontraditional discussion on law

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To be judged guilty or not guilty is an interpretation solely based on the perspectives of each American in the legal world that has fluctuated throughout the years.

FIU's chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies has made it their goal to promote debates among students that hold relevance to current events.

An upcoming lecture the FSOC will be holding along with the Catholic Law Students Association entails an overall review on the concept of original sin and the interpretation of the Constitution by Roger Newman, author of the Scribes Book Award winning and Pulitzer Prize finalist biography of Hugo Black.

With the lecture, the FSOC hopes to share a unique, religion-based perspective when interpreting the constitution.

"We get our sense

of what's wrong from religion," Newman said.

Hannah Nowalk, vice president of the FSOC and second-year law student from the College of Law, holds a strong passion for constitutional law and expects to gain much knowledge from Newman's lecture. As the president of the Catholic Law Students Association, Nowalk finds Newman's viewpoint on original sin in the framing of the Constitution unexpected and ironic.

"It is crazy to consider that, although we want to separate the church from the state we have also constructed our legal system around morals and ethics that came from the church," Nowalk said.

In his lecture, Newman plans to talk about two problems regarding the interpretation of the constitution, the involvement of people and the change in language from past to present.

"Then you have the other problem... we don't even know what words mean from today to tomorrow," Newman said.

Jonathan Davis, a third-year law student and president of the FSOC, believes the battle around change starts in courts. However, like Nowalk, he emphasizes the interpretation being a theoretical approach unique to each individual's beliefs.

"It's not a perfect institution," Davis said. "It's hard for anybody to tell anybody that their way is the right way or the wrong way, and when Newman comes down, he's going to be presenting just one of the ways."

Many rulings in past court cases have been overturned or changed - a result of how each individual interprets legal scenarios professionally or personally.

Nowalk said it is interesting how personal ethics can conflict with legal expectations.

"You can't talk somebody into liking a glass of beer," Newman said. "Some things just are."

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## Professor Aileen Marty wins prestigious award

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Aileen Marty, doctor and professor of infectious diseases at the University's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, chose medicine as a career because it was a profession in which she could do good for people.

Recently Marty won the "In the Company of Women" Award for her achievements for Health and Human Services.

The "In the Company of Women" Award recognizes the most dedicated and influential women of South Florida from different categories, such as art, law and medicine.

According to Miami-Dade County's website, it serves as a start to Women's History Month.

Edith Torres, Marketing and Public Relations for Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces said it's important to dedicate such awards to women for being heroes and making a difference in the community.

Marty does not stand behind.

She's part of the World Health Organization, as well as Navy Commander, and has helped victims of Ebola in West Africa. She was nominated for the award last year and was recently notified by FIU's external relations that she was the winner for the health category.

"I felt amazed, surprised [when I found out]. It's humbling," she said. "It's a great honor and I just hope I can live up to it."

Marty was initially attracted to her profession because of its scientific nature. She considers what she does an art.

"[Infectious Diseases] is an interaction

between species," she said. "I always felt fascinated [by it]" Dr. Marty said.

While beginning her career in infectious diseases, she saw the diseases as enemies that must be fought.

"There are more microbes on your body than you," she said. "You have to live in harmony with them."

According to Marty, it's important that the body share a balance with species to stay healthy. Because of topics like this, Marty loves to lecture and enjoys seeing how much her students learn.

"I always feel happy when I can give a successful lecture and the people enjoy it," she said.

Award winners and county commissioners, along with Jim Cason, the mayor of Coral Gables, will be at the awards ceremony.

Betty Davis, Channel 10 meteorologist will be hosting the ceremony.

The ceremony will open with an introductory address by Carlos A. Gimenez, mayor of Miami-Dade. He will present the Mayor's Pioneer Award to Sheila Duffy-Lehrman, Creative Director for Tropic Survival Advertising and Marketing Agency.

Jim Cason will award the keys to the city of Coral Gables to Roxcy O'Neil Bolton, who is being awarded for her involvement in women's activism.

The Honorable Bertila Soto will also be awarded for the Government and Law category as the first woman to become Chief Judge of Florida.

Nominations for the awards generally begin in October. A committee of past winners and chair of the event review the nominations and select the winners.

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# Upcoming lecture to discuss laws in new ways

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“The HRC’s obsession with Israel actually risks undermining the credibility of the entire organization,” said Kerry. “We will oppose any effort by any group or participant in the UN system to arbitrarily and regularly delegitimize or isolate Israel, not just in the HRC but wherever it occurs.”

Netanyahu's speech to Congress, especially its timing in the middle of an election campaign, shouldn't obscure the real disagreement between Israel and the U.S. over Iran," said Zaki Shalom, senior research fellow at Tel Aviv's Institute for National Security Studies. "There is genuine concern among Israelis that Iran is trying to obtain nuclear weapons, and the U.S. is negotiating an agreement that will ultimately allow them to do so."

“The criticism here against

swore that he would do his best to have Nemtsov's killers brought to justice and ordered a thorough investigation by security agencies.

“He always bluntly and honestly declared his position and defended his point of view,” Putin said in a telegram of condolence sent to Nemtsov’s mother and posted on the Kremlin website. “Everything will be done to have the organizers and perpetrators of this despicable and cynical crime get the punishment they deserve.”

While supporters saw the hand of the Kremlin in the slaying, Putin

"We don't embrace any particular viewpoint," Davis said.

However, The Federalist Society began in the 1980s with two individuals who felt that the liberal point of view was present in many law schools while the conservative and libertarian points of view were not.

The FSOC encourages students to attend the lecture March 6 at 12:30 p.m. in the Rafael Diaz-Balart Building Room 1000, because, as they put it, it opens their eyes to an interpretation not traditionally seen in a legal setting.

The FSOC is a group of conservatives and libertarians within the College of Law who focus on current events in the legal world, promoting the preservation of freedom and the significance of separation of powers in government.

“We like to try to just bring in different

viewpoints on subjects that are not taught in the law school curriculum," Davis said. "They can get exposure in areas they won't see in their everyday class."

Anyone can join FSOC. Although it is directed towards law students, Davis said they are currently looking for an undergraduate representative that can take the lead in promoting events at the undergraduate level.

Newman encourages students to attend because he said they are part of the people and all under the Supreme Court. He reiterates the importance of public affairs and our voice as a democracy, including student participation in voting.

“Unless people know what they’re talking about, they shouldn’t be allowed to talk,” Newman said.

# Professor wins award for her achievements in health and human services

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a process that usually takes two to three weeks.

Winners are announced in late December.

Marty worked her way through gaining educational knowledge and experience and has exposed herself to help on the research of infectious diseases, including the victims of Ebola.

"It's an honor to have someone like her to represent our school and our community," said Suyeny Diaz, a senior psychology major. "[She's] making a difference."

According to Marty, she's been working with Ebola for fifteen years; the training helped her get ready for the mission.

The awards ceremony will be held on Mar. 5 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Coral Gables Country Club.

Tickets are being sold for \$60 in advance and \$65 at the door.

Marty thinks it's important for young girls to want to be "outstanding" in their careers and hopes to be an example of that.

“Don’t give up on your dreams,” she said. “If there’s a setback, find a way around it.”

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# It is not always happy hour

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The four years we are given in college are meant to be used wisely. Aside from the career field we choose, we learn how to balance our social and professional lives through making good decisions and reflecting on the bad ones.

the past so this serves as a reminder to those students who plan on enjoying their spring break who need a serious reality check before popping bottles.

If we're so intent on proving to society that college students are much more than the drunken mess stereotype, we need to be following through with actions that match up to that.

If you're over 21 years of age, I would expect you to know how to

and would have it on your record permanently. This is where you have to be an adult and weigh out whether running the chance of ruining your academic career is worth a few minutes of pre-gaming you could have done somewhere else.

If you're in a hurry, you should have accepted that maybe that isn't the best moment to open a can of beer. I don't even want to think about whoever was driving the car afterwards. The idea disturbs me too much to fit into 500 words.

It's not all about whether you'd get caught or not, but if this is really an occasion to be drinking. The difference between someone who casually drinks and an alcoholic is how much you choose to drink and how frequently you do it.

Usually, it's expected to find bottles and cans lying around after a tailgate but unfortunately these bottles were found the morning after a cancer fundraising event. What does it say about us when we use any big event as an excuse to drink, especially philanthropic ones?

By all means, enjoy your spring break by opening up a refreshing beer with some lime and salt but please remember having some common sense. Know when you're at your limit, throw away your trash and have someone sober drive you home.

You can have fun and live your college years to the fullest but it could all go horribly wrong in a few seconds if you're not careful.

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Regardless of your age, you need to be aware of how your drinking could affect you, others and how your current decisions affect your future.  
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Finding empty beer bottles in the new PG6 lot early Saturday morning made me realize that one of the worst decisions we can make as students is one that has followed us since the beginning of collegiate time - drinking excessively.

According to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, four out of five college students drink, and half of those students consume it through binge drinking. This kind of behavior has lead to injuries, assaults and deaths of thousands of students in

handle yourself while drinking but also know the law and the consequences you face if you break it. If you're under 21 years of age, you already know that you shouldn't be doing it but it would be highly unrealistic to assume that it doesn't happen.

Regardless of your age, you need to be aware of how your drinking could affect you, others and how your current decisions affect your future.

Why are you drinking in a parking lot on campus to begin with? You could get expelled if you get caught

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AND  
IRENE:  
*United  
we fall*



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## THE BEACON | Editorial Left in the dark during historical event

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, the University was surprised by a visit from the President of the United States, Barack Obama.

At least part of the University was surprised by this visit, as those involved in the organization of the event were likely informed prior to the University's community. A visit from the nation's president in any situation surely begins with meticulous planning.

Obama visited the campus for a nationally televised town hall on immigration reform, hosted by Miami-based Telemundo and MSNBC anchor Jose Díaz-Balart.

Clearly, a visit from Obama would go down as a monumental experience for the University and its community. In a way, it was the recognition of our University as a reputable academic institution, being the selected venue of such an important event.

As students of the University that was looked upon favorably in this event, it would only make sense that careful consideration was exercised to provide students the opportunity to witness the town hall firsthand.

Students were invited after all to sit in the same room as Obama, but we'd argue the lack of careful consideration throughout the process.

The first time the University's community was notified of the event was on Thursday, Feb. 19, with an email simply stating that a nationally televised event would be taking place at MMC. The second email sent on Friday, Feb. 20, finally mentioned Obama would be the one visiting, vaguely explaining the ticketing and invite process for access to the town hall.

The third and final time a University-wide email was sent out was the day before the event, informing the University of the potential traffic issues, with a brief statement indicating that students invited to the town hall were already notified.

Much to our surprise, FIU Student Media didn't receive an invitation. We tried our best to get in, either as media or as an audience member, to no avail.

Our logic behind this was that if it was known that media would not be given access to the room in which Obama would be interviewed, the least that could have been done was invite us out of courtesy, as the University's student-run news organization.

It might seem pointless to argue about us not being invited to the event after the fact, but the problem doesn't stop there. The process of being invited to the town hall was never properly explained in the emails, in terms of the criteria. It was just stated that students would be invited and that was it.

Not whether you would be considered for your academic standings or even your contributions to the University. Rumors of who was invited and how even spread throughout, further indicating that this wasn't done properly. No one was certain on how to get in and probably made to believe that just about anyone could attend, as tickets were mentioned in the emails.

We suggest that in future occurrences, be it as grand as the president visiting our institution or not, the University needs to be clear on who gets chosen. Not only that, but considerate.

The merit on who was chosen was not transparent. And in instances such as this one where some student organizations were over-represented, the University should try to get more of the relatable organizations into the room.

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Roary hangs out with Miss and Mr. Relay Natalie Agramonte, a junior psychology major, and Joseph Paz, as freshman criminal justice major, at FIU Relay for Life event, Feb. 28.



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During the Beautiful Lengths event, Delta Phi Epsilon, won first place, donating more hair than all of their competitors.



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Kat Jordan of Defy the Skyline performs on the stage at Relay for Life.



VINCENT RIVES/THE BEACON

Lorena Gomez, member of FIU Business Fraternity, gives a heartfelt speech to start off the Relay for Life event Friday, Feb.28.

# Relay for Life 2015 surpasses fundraising goals

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Florida International University hosted the 11th annual 2015 Relay for Life event, last Friday, Feb. 27, at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. About 90 teams and organizations teamed up to participate in the 12 hour long event, which benefits The American Cancer Society. University President Mark B. Rosenberg joined Joshua Paz, Mr. Relay, and Natalie Agramonte, Ms. Relay, in the cutting of the ribbon which started the fundraising event.

It is Paz's first year here at the University, but not his first Relay for life. In high school, he participated in other American Cancer Society events outside of the University and said that cancer affected his family early in his life.

"My family has been affected by cancer at various moments. I lost my uncle to cancer and right now my grandmother, a breast cancer survivor, is battling a resurgence of cancer. She survived in the 90s, however it came back a year or two ago," said Paz, brother of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. "It directly affected me and it's something I truly do care about." Kawi Gonzalez, associate director for Relay for Life said that this year's Relay for Life raised \$115,526.80, not including online and credit card donations which are still being processed. This year's monetary goal surpassed last year's. "Of course we were able to do that because of all the teams



VINCENT RIVES/THE BEACON

Crowds of people watched as fraternities and sororities donated hair on stage, Relay for Life, Feb. 28. and all the people that went to the event, in which this year seemed like a lot more than last," said Gonzalez. "We were

extremely excited." According to Gonzalez by 5 p.m. the event had already raised \$86,000. At the event, groups came together to donate not just money but hair. Delta Phi Epsilon sorority won first place for donating the most hair during the Beautiful Lengths event. In total, 340 ponytails were donated, meaning more than 42 wigs will be able to be made and will be donated to cancer patients. Relay for Life 2015 had performances from bands such as Defy the Skyline, as well as food, bounce houses, games like the virtual dance competitions and the movie 'Big Hero Six' playing on a projected big screen.

Every team represented either a character from a television show or movie to support this year's Lights, Camera, Relay theme: television. By around 11 p.m. Relay for Life honored survivors in the luminaria ceremony, where those who participated remembered those who have passed, survived or are currently battling cancer. "Just seeing the amount of people we had there and seeing everyone be quiet, reflecting on the ones that they've either lost or know who are struggling with it, it was really impactful." Paz said. Paz said it was all worth it. He stayed at the event until 5 a.m., and later went home to change and go to work at 7 a.m. at the Coral Gables' Venetian Pool. "A lot of survivors were there and a lot of FIU community, I was very happy with it," Paz said.



# ‘Dark Sky Paradise’: Big Sean overshadowed by guest features

## COLUMNIST



VINCENT RIVES

In hip-hop, an artist's first release is usually their breakthrough album, which displays their hunger to blow up and creates their first buzz in the industry.

Then comes the “sophomore jinx,” where the artist fails to live up to the hype following their breakthrough. By the third album, the artist usually solidifies their sound.

However, with “Dark Sky Paradise,” Big Sean seems to be searching still. Throughout the album Big Sean's witty metaphors and corny punch lines fail to match the concept that his latest release “Dark Sky Paradise” attempts to portray.

The intro track “Dark Sky (Skyscrapers)” is a recycled version of Drake's “Started from the Bottom,” which finds Sean rhyming about his grind to get to where he is, with the hook, “And I don't owe nobody in the world no favors

I started from the basement, made it to the skyscrapers.”Ironically enough, the next track, and one of the stronger songs of the album, “Blessings” features Drake and Kanye West.

The problem is, it leaves listeners singing along to the Drake verse and forgetting Big Sean was even in the song - eerily similar to Big Sean's “Control,” which Kendrick Lamar used as a stepping-stone to cement himself as the top MC in rap.

Another issue in content is that Big Sean claims to be “the man” in most of his lyrics. It's definitely good to be confident and cocky in music, but even with his catchy radio single “IDFWU,” it sounds like pure teenage angst with one of the whiniest choruses of all time.

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Big Sean seems to be attempting to be taken more seriously, as if dark content would solidify him as a top artist.

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With a solid guest verse from Oakland veteran E-40, the song is still one of the bigger party anthems early into this year.

“I Know,” another DJ Mustard production, finds Sean and Jhene Aiko trading verses, from the perspective of speaking to someone who's going through a rough patch in their relationship.

It's the better of the two Jhene Aiko features on the album, as the other, “Win Some, Lose Some,” finds Sean telling the listener the difficulties that come with a life of fame and wealth - which only reinforces the description of Big Sean as a poor man's Drake.

“Dark Sky Paradise” feels more like a compilation album that happens to feature Big Sean than a solo studio album.

Big Sean finds himself overshadowed by features throughout the record, including “Blessings” (Kanye/Drake), “Win Some Lose Some” (Jhene Aiko),

with his most clever punch lines and braggadocio-swig-rap was his best work to date. His first major release “Finally Famous” was solid, too, even if he re-used songs from the “Volume 3” tape.

“Hall of Fame” was just bad. “Dark Sky Paradise” shows Big Sean's progression as an artist, but fails to launch him into the top-tier of rappers like Kendrick Lamar, Drake and his mentor Kanye, but it's a solid release nonetheless. Will this album be kept in rotation throughout spring? Probably not.

Big Sean seems to be attempting to be taken more seriously, as if dark content would solidify him as a top artist.

Much in the same way Ludacris dropped “Release Therapy,” we lost the more eccentric punch lines and content matter which propelled him into the mainstream, but even then Ludacris was never seen as a top-tier act in the era of Jay Z or Snoop Dogg. Once Sean lightens up and gets over the trend toward dark, hard-hitting music, he's bound to find his classic album.

Notable songs: “Blessings,” “All Your Fault,” “Play No Games,” “I Know.”

**Artist:** Big Sean  
**Album:** “Dark Sky Paradise”  
**Rating:** 3/5



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BASEBALL

# SWINGING WITH THE FISHES

## FIU baseball loses exhibition matchup with the Miami Marlins

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After coming off a series where they won three of four games, the Panthers were able to relax and kick back for a bit as they played

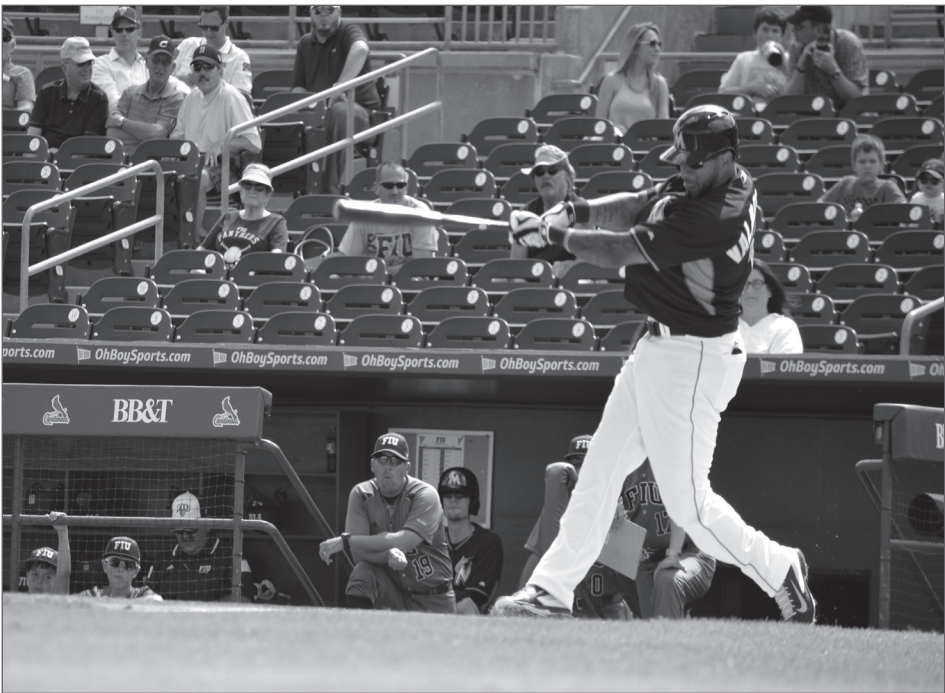
the Miami Marlins in a friendly exhibition game.

For FIU it was a great experience as everyone got a chance to play and be part of a major league game. For the Marlins it was just like any other spring training game, lots

of substitutions and lots of fans saying who's that guy? Unfortunately for the fans and FIU players they weren't able to play against the everyday starters for the Marlins but they still played against major league players and the organization's top prospects as well.

Things looked a little shaky at first for the Panthers as they gave up six runs in the first three innings. Starting for the Panthers was right hander Williams Durruthy and he was having problems with his control and he wasn't fooling anybody that was hitting. At first this game seemed like it will turn into a blowout but things calmed down after the third inning.

In the entire game FIU wasn't able to gain any type of offensive game. Every inning the Marlins put a new pitcher in the game, which is normal to see in a spring training game. Maybe that could have been a factor and also the fact that the last time these two teams played was a year ago. For third baseman Josh Anderson that didn't seem to bother him who finished the game with two out of the seven hits for FIU. One of his hits was probably the highlight of the game for both sides. In his second at bat, Anderson hit a two-run homerun off of left hander



JORGE CORRALES/THE BEACON

Marlins outfielder Jordany Valdespin takes a big swing on Monday, March 2.

Justin Nicolino. Nicolino is the Marlins' top prospect that scouts say is major league ready. Even though these teams barely play one another Anderson had some experience hitting against Nicolino.

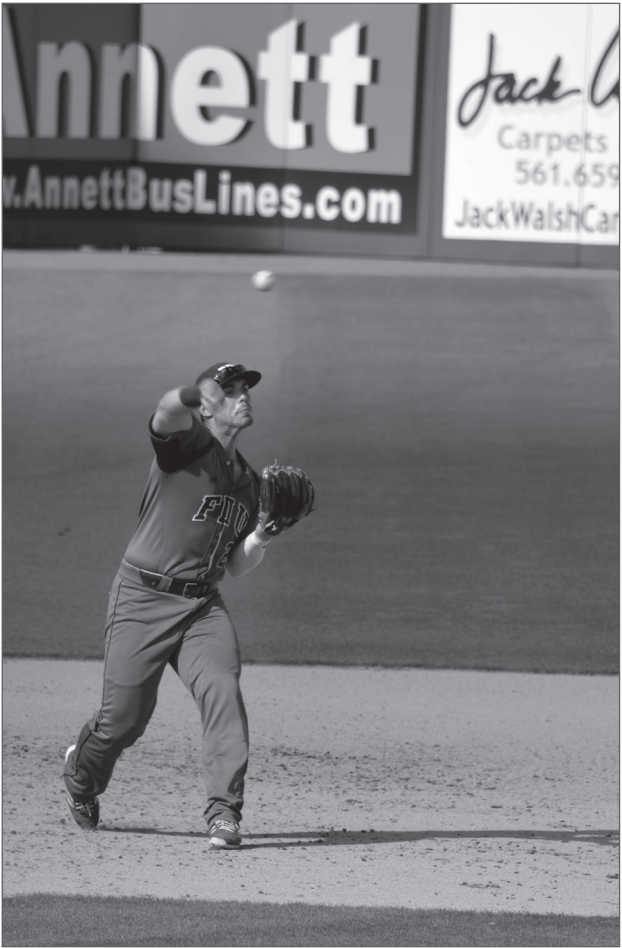
"I didn't know he was going to pitch today, he started against us last year and I got a base hit off him in the first inning so when he came in the game I was familiar with him and I know he has a good changeup. The first pitch was a fastball for a ball and the next pitch he threw

me another fastball and luckily I hit the homerun on his fastball because his changeup is nasty," Anderson said.

FIU was actually part of baseball history this game as they had the pace of play clock in between innings in the outfield. After every third out of the inning the clock was set up to two minutes and twenty five seconds. It didn't really speed up the game as the game was still in the three hour range but this will be something that Major League Baseball will

experiment with. Another aspect of the game that was different for FIU was they hit with wood bats which regularly they don't use because they use aluminum in their own league.

Overall the team was able to witness and be part of a major league game that many division one programs can't say they have been part of something like that. Hopefully one day us as fans will be able to see one of the FIU players sitting in the other dugout wearing a big league uniform.



JORGE CORRALES/THE BEACON

Senior third baseman Josh Anderson throws to first during the exhibition game on Monday, March 2.

### SAFE!



MARIA SOLEDAD LORENZINO/THE BEACON

Senior outfielder Rebekah Sanchez slides into third base in the game against Bethune Cookman University on Saturday, Feb.28 during the FIU Felsberg Invitational tournament. The Panthers won 5-4.

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BASEBALL

# Panthers offense erupts to dominate series over Manhattan

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When a baseball team scores 17 and 19 runs in one game it shows that it was a good day to step into that batter’s box. Just scoring double digit runs in baseball is something fans do not see every time they go to the ballpark.

This past weekend FIU baseball fans were able to see the baseball team explode for 46 runs in a four game time span against Manhattan College. The series displayed how FIU dominated both sides of the game on the pitching and hitting ends. The Panthers took the series winning three out of the four games played.

The Panthers took control of the series right away Friday night for game one when right-handed pitcher Cody Crouse took mound. He set the tone for the game and had an incredible outing that led the way to the 7-2 win.

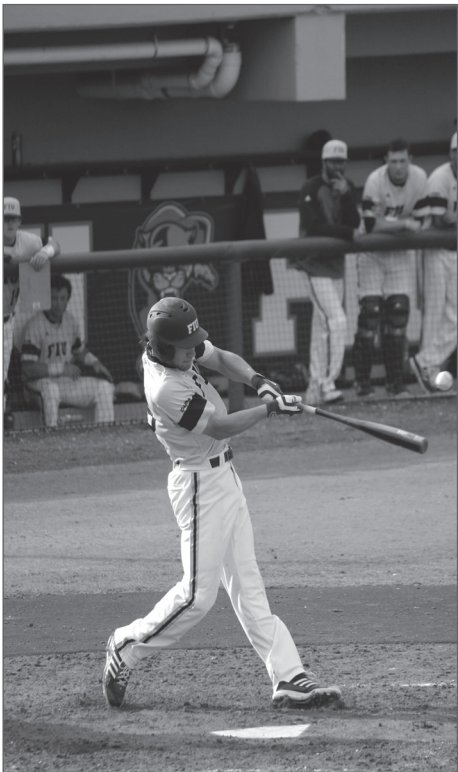
This was Crouse’s first win of the season in which he pitched a one-hitter over seven innings. Overall, Crouse’s pitching stat line for the night is he gave up only two runs, walked two and struck out five batters.

Freshman David Lee came into the game to relief and secured the win by pitching the last two innings and did not give up any runs. He closed out the game by striking out five batters.

The offense for this game was sparked by senior Brian Portelli. Portelli was a huge contribution to the team in bringing in runs as he drove in a total of three in game one. Portelli finished the game 1-for-5 with three RBIs. From that point on it was clear to everyone that FIU took command of the series.

Following Friday’s win, the Panthers had a double header on Saturday in which game one was something Manhattan wishes they can permanently forget.

FIU had freshman Andres Nunez on the mound who allowed only three hits and he was able to get a career-high nine strikeouts in the eight innings he pitched. This was his second start of the season and getting the win gives him a perfect 2-0 record and



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Senior outfielder Brian Portelli launches a double to left field who leads the nation in that offensive categories.

still, he has not given up a single run. This is one of the few times where an incredible pitching performance like that could get overlooked due to FIU scoring 17 runs.

From the start of the game, FIU scored in each of the first four innings. The game was broken wide open when the Panthers scored eight runs in the bottom of the eighth which made the score 17-0. Out of the 17 hits the team had, the offense was highlighted by multiple- hit games by senior Julius Gaines going 2-for-4, junior Rey Perez going 2-for-2, Portelli going 3-for-4 and junior Zach Soria going 2-for-5.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, not everything turned out their way this series as they dropped the second game of the double header. What really hurt the Panthers was a five-run seventh inning for Manhattan. The Panthers had a 3-0 lead for a good portion of the game until the Jaspers were able to have that big inning and get their first lead in the entire series. FIU wasn’t able to score any runs in their next three opportunities yet they had a chance for a comeback in the eighth and ninth innings but could not cross home plate, falling to Manhattan, 5-3.

Coming into the final game of the series Sunday, FIU had a 2-1 series lead and was trying to prevent Manhattan from leaving Miami with a series split. The Panthers liked their chances of taking the series with sophomore Chris Mourelle taking the mound to start the game. He pitched six and one-third innings giving up only four runs and striking out five to record the victory.

The first two innings were a little shaky for Mourelle in which the four runs he gave up were in the first two innings but after that inning, Manhattan had no answer for him and were not able to score the rest of the time Mourelle was pitching.

Even with Mourelle having a great outing, just like it happened to Andres Nunez, it wasn’t the top headline as FIU scored a season high 19 runs. The team as a whole collected 20 hits which is another season high.

With FIU down 4-0 going into the bottom of the second, the Jaspers lead was cut to 4-3 thanks to once again Brian Portelli, who notched his No. 10 double of the season and brought in three runs. In the fourth inning, the Panthers never looked back as freshman Jack Schaaf scored the tying run from third base on a wild pitch and Portelli drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly.

The Panthers’ lead grew inning by inning as they scored two runs in the fifth on a two-run double by junior Zach Soria which made it 10-4. In the seventh, senior Julius Gaines made it 11-4 with his first home run of the season. FIU finished its scoring spree with an eight run eighth inning. It seems like a coincidence that both high scoring games, the Panthers scored eight runs in the eighth.

Overall, Gaines went 3-for-6 with two RBI. Portelli added his No. 11 double of the season in the seventh to give him the national lead in the category. Soria knocked in three runs as well and increased his batting average to .417 which leads the team.

The Panthers offense led the way for the team to take 3-of-4 games from the Jaspers. Hopefully they can continue this exciting play for the rest of the season. They can be a dangerous team if their pitching and hitting is as consistent as they were in this series.

The Panthers return to regular season this Friday, March 6, when Connecticut comes to town for a three-game series beginning at 7 p.m.

NATIONAL

# Chicago little league team has championship taken away

COLUMNIST



JACOB SPIWAK

Aside from the semester and a half I’ve spent at FIU, I’ve lived in Chicago or the surrounding suburbs for all 18 years of my life. In my personal opinion, it’s the greatest city in the world, and I’m proud to say I’ve lived there for so long.

Despite how amazing the city is, however, certain parts on the south side of Chicago are extremely dangerous. So much of the youth in these areas find themselves going down the wrong path and getting involved with drugs and gang violence.

There have been countless attempts to improve the south side by many influential people. For example, the mayors and other politicians have attempted to help, and hip-hop artists who grew up in the city such as Kanye West and Chance The Rapper have made efforts to get kids off the streets and use their energy to be creative rather than destructive. These individuals have certainly helped the city make strides, but arguably the biggest impact was made by Jackie Robinson West.

Over the summer, a group of 13 African-American kids from the south side set out trying to win a Little League World Series. To the naked eye, Jackie Robinson West was simply a baseball team that just so happened to be the first all-African-American team the tournament had seen in decades; but by the end of the season, they accomplished a lot more than just winning a few baseball games.

With every victory, the team advanced further in the tournament and captivated more people in Chicago. By the time they were playing in the national championship, you couldn’t walk around downtown without seeing at least one person wearing a

Jackie Robinson West shirt.

Watch parties were designated in giant public locations for each of their last games, as the entire city came together to cheer on their young heroes. Usually Chicago baseball fans argue about the White Sox and Cubs, but everybody remotely close to the city was pulling for JRW with no debate.

They ended up losing to Seoul, South Korea in the Little League World Series finals, but not before they won the national championship as the best team in the United States. It was by far the greatest story of the summer, and one of the most feel-good sports stories the city had ever seen. Except it wasn’t.

On Feb. 11, it was announced that JRW would have to forfeit all of their wins and their national championship after an investigation was made into the eligibility of their players. Apparently those in charge of putting together the team took kids from other neighborhoods that weren’t eligible to play for Jackie Robinson West, and essentially formed a super team that couldn’t be stopped.

The investigation began when the coach of a local team (who JRW defeated 43-2 in a sectional game) told officials, spelling the beginning of the end to such a feel-good story.

Everywhere you looked, people took the punishment that was being given to JRW as an issue of race. Specifically in Chicago, where African-American activists are extremely present, pleas were made to stop punishing the kids because they were black. I completely agree that the boys never should’ve been punished, but I’m not ready to call it an issue of race.

Jackie Robinson West had an unfair advantage over the other teams. This much is true, and it should not be taken likely. But after the season the team had and the impact they had on Chicago’s culture, seeing it end

this way just leaves a bad taste in my mouth.

The adults who orchestrated this were no question in the wrong, and they should be held accountable for that. Telling these kids they didn’t win anything and trying to erase the memory of the incredible season they put together, however, is what doesn’t make sense to me.

Plus, awarding the national championship to the kids from Nevada who lost to JRW doesn’t make sense to me either. They were certainly facing an unfair advantage, but giving them a national championship this many months after the fact just seems pointless. Those kids already accepted the fact that they lost, and now months later they get a call telling them that they actually should’ve had a chance to play Seoul for the World Series title? That just isn’t right to me.

At the end of the day, the sad truth is that Jackie Robinson West cheated to win games. That much can’t be forgotten, but the most unfortunate part of it, is that the kids are being punished for something they didn’t do. The adults who were supposed to look after and coach the children were the ones in the wrong, but in the record books those boys lost every game they played.

They may be looked at as cheaters and frauds, but the boys who made up the Jackie Robinson West roster were as unaware as everyone else that there was any wrongdoing. These kids wanted nothing more than to play baseball and win games with their friends, and they ended up being tied into arguably the most unforgettable story little league has ever seen.

Regardless of the technicalities, the memories these boys made and the impact they had on Chicago can never be taken away. No matter what the record books say, those 13 boys on Jackie Robinson West will always be OUR champions.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The University Activity and Service (A&S) Fee Committee will be holding public hearings on

**Thursday, February 26, 2015 BBC**  
WUC 155 at 2:00pm

**Monday, March 2, 2015 MMC**  
GC 140 at 2:00pm

The objective of these meetings is to give interested individuals an opportunity to hear arguments pertaining to the proposed increase to the Activity and Service fee. The amended fee will become effective in the Fall 2015 term. Students and other interested individuals are invited to attend these meetings.



# It's time to bring a better campus life to Biscayne Bay

COLUMNIST



CAMILA FERNANDEZ

With only about 15 percent of University students enrolled at the Biscayne Bay Campus, it's no wonder that students at the bay feel left out of a more vibrant campus life than at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

According to Adly Norelus, Assistant Director at the BBC Enrollment Center, between 8,000 and 10,000 students are enrolled at the campus out of the current 54,000 total number of students that attend FIU. This substantially low number of students has created less opportunities for students and faculty to have more facilities and campus life activities compared to those at the main campus.

To help bring in more students, I challenge the University to take certain actions for improvement at the sister campus.

A potential solution would be to stop charging students \$2.50 for each one way trip between campuses through the Golden Panther Express Shuttle. Enough as it is paying

an average tuition of \$6,506 for in-state students and \$18,905 for out-of-state students, additional fees should not be necessary.

If a student has to travel back and forth to both campuses five days a week, that's \$25.00 that could be used for other expenses. If the University is obliged to charge students, then perhaps they could try to reduce the price of the fee.

If students could travel cost-free to and from the BBC, they would be more willing to visit the beautiful sites of the north campus.

Another solution to a greater campus life experience would be to make sure that students get new student housing by fall of next year, without any additional delays. Since 1984, the campus housed over 500 students at Bay Vista Housing. However, at a recent Board of Trustees meeting, it was said that due to its poor construction it presented health-safety issues for residents. Bay Vista Housing is now managed by the Royal Caribbean Cruises and students have no on-campus housing.

According to Jim Wassenaar, Director of Facilities Planning and Operations at the Division

of Student Affairs, housing is a great tool to bring more students to campus.

"It [is] important to deliver to this type of amenity so that we can attract the students that will ultimately become a part of enhancing this wonderful campus and our academic programs," Wassenaar said.

The new housing, Bay View Hall, was expected to be completed by this fall, but due to late financial planning, it is planned to open by fall 2016. Study rooms, classrooms, a game room, a clubhouse, a resort style pool area and a view of the bay are just a couple of its main features.

"I definitely think that having a residential hall at BBC would give the campus life and be all the more reason to create a more active and social campus life," said Alicia Dobson, junior public relations major student who studies at the campus' School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

"Students are turned off by BBC because it is deprived of so many student activities. Most of the student programming and events take place at MMC, so I often miss events that I want to go to because I have classes at BBC," Dobson said.

Finally, there should be more dining facilities on campus. Compared to the MMC which has over 20 restaurants, BBC students are limited to less than five. Not until last year did the University open a Starbucks, a college-life essential. During a last month town hall meeting hosted by the BBC Student Government Council, President Rosenberg said that new housing could open more possibilities for on-campus dining.

Students should not have to resort to eating outside of campus. However, Rosenberg encouraged students to continue eating on campus. This would make on-campus dining a greater apparent necessity. Despite the small number of students, many who come to the BBC appreciate the more silent and peaceful setting of the campus.

"MMC is overly crowded, so it is easy to get sidetracked at MMC if you come to campus to study," Dobson said.

Perhaps it is the University's responsibility to find a balance of campus life for both the BBC and the MMC.

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## TUNNEL OF OPPRESION



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Students and other members of the university sit in the "holding room" during the Tunnel of Oppression event on Thursday, Feb.26. The participants were given random slurs and then went through the tunnel, which showed different forms of oppression through interactive media. The Tunnel of Oppression meant to raise awareness about oppression.

## Southern universities still wrestling with racist pasts

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Tillman Hall is the building that goes on the Clemson University posters, at least the ones that don't feature the football stadium or an orange paw print. The red brick building with a clock tower is the grandest and best-known structure on campus. It's also named for a vehement racist.

The building's namesake, Benjamin Tillman, was a South Carolina governor and U.S. senator in the late 19th century, best known for his fiery rhetoric and for helping to craft the Jim Crow laws. He also helped found Clemson.

Clemson - along with other Southern universities, and even some in the North - is now wrestling with that troubled legacy. The Clemson Faculty Senate last week passed a resolution asking the administration asking to change the name. Jane Lindle, an education professor with an office in the building who is on the Faculty Senate, said that its name presents two sets of problems for her.

On a practical level, it's "an obstacle" to attracting talented faculty. The history behind the name is a deterrent, and its quotidian familiarity creates an ethical problem: "It raises the issue of why aren't we educating folks better about some of the negative symbolism that they take for granted," she said.

For students who know the history, the name can send a hurtful message. A black Clemson student named Edith Dunlap told the Greenville News that to see the building on her campus is a "slap in the face."

Still, for many schools, effacing that history is a problematic choice. Clemson issued a statement last week, saying that its board will not change the name. "We believe that other, more meaningful, initiatives should be implemented that will have more of an impact on the diversity of our campus than this symbolic gesture," the statement said.

Debates of this kind have been simmering for several years. Earlier this month, students at the University of North Carolina's flagship campus in Chapel Hill protested to change the name of Saunders Hall, a history building named for

William Saunders, a Confederate colonel and later leader in the Ku Klux Klan. In 2010, the University of Texas wound up changing the name of a dormitory from Simkins (another Klansman) to Creekside.

In each of these situations, the central question has focused on where the line is between acknowledging the past and glorifying it. It is impossible to rename every building that has a connection to slavery or the oppression of black people. Thomas Clemson, for whom Clemson University is named, was a slave owner. So was George Washington.

In their statement, Clemson's trustees argue against changing the name, saying "every great institution is built by imperfect craftsmen," and that the university cannot undo its past. "Stone by stone they add to the foundation so that over many, many generations, we get a variety of stones," the statement says.

And so it is with Clemson. Some of our historical stones are rough and even unpleasant to look at. But they are ours and denying them as part of our history does not make them any less so.

But others argue that it's one thing to acknowledge that an institution (or a nation) was founded in a less just time, and quite another to continue to honor people who directly and violently worked to preserve that injustice, especially since renaming a building is so simple.

After a 2012 incident, when a mob of students protesting President Barack Obama's re-election chanted racial slurs, the University of Mississippi appointed a committee to address issues of insensitivity on campus. That committee came up with a list of recommendations, one of which was the renaming of a building called Vardaman Hall.

James Vardaman became the governor of Mississippi in 1903, riding into office on a wave of racial hatred. He referred to the African-American race as a "lazy, lying, lustful animal, which no amount of training can transform into a tolerable citizen." Another of his choice quotations: "If it is necessary every Negro in the state will be lynched; it will be done to maintain white supremacy."



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Senior biology major Sarai Trenhs praises the view of the bay at the Biscayne Bay Campus. She shares her thoughts with her social media followers on Instagram, saying that having class with the view of the bay isn't so bad.