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WELCOME BLACK HISTORY MONTH



MEGAN TAIT/THE BEACON

Nykemma Radway, a junior studying public relations and minoring in psychology, co-hosts the Black History Month opening ceremony with Xavier Greaux, a junior majoring in international business. During this portion of the event they asked the crowd to answer trivia questions about Black History Month.

Wellness Center to undergo new renovations

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It's been a long time coming, but the University's Wellness and Recreational Center is finally expanding and for good reason.

When the center opened back in 2005, it was built for a population of an estimated 27,000 students. Today, enrollment has nearly doubled and for years the Rec Center has not grown to adjust.

Friday, Jan. 15, FIU's External Relations sent an email notifying students of plans to expand the Wellness and Recreational Center at Modesto A. Maidique Campus. The email stated that construction is

scheduled to begin March 14, with an aim to finish more than a year later, June 30, 2017.

The Wellness and Recreation Center will remain open throughout the construction.

According to Rob Frye, the director of the Wellness and Recreational Center at MMC, the plan to expand the campus was brought forth three years ago.

Frye said space was a major concern for gym attendees.

"Our biggest need is in our strength area. The first floor weight room is very crowded and the evenings are packed," Frye said.

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Honor Society teaches students webdesign

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Sometimes you need more than words on a piece of paper to help land that perfect internship.

Your name. Your URL. Your own work.

Upsilon Pi Epsilon focuses on helping students create websites through web development and tech workshops.

The websites provide examples of a student's work to build a portfolio-like resume.

"Sometimes you need a little proof," said Sabina Cartacio, marketing representative of Upsilon Pi Epsilon. "You can add it to the top where your email is on your resume and it adds a little kick."

Upsilon Pi Epsilon is a computer science honor society focused on providing computer science majors with information about scholarships, internships and free tutoring; however, the workshops and information sessions are open to everyone regardless of major.

Information sessions are offered every week.

Workshops are offered two to three times a month and are free to all FIU and non-FIU students.

The workshops being offered in the month of February include database management, Google product showcase, and hardware.

"The most important thing is that people who want to learn about those topics have the choice to decide where to go to," said Cartacio. "So when you leave the workshop, we want you to understand at least the basics so that you can evolve."

There are no requirements to participate.

The goal of the workshops is to create

a foundation for individuals to build upon.

"You don't have to come in and know something or not know something. If you're more advanced, you can still come, get more ahead and ask questions to someone who has a job in the field," said Cartacio.

No one is expected to remember everything that it is taught in a workshop; instead, Upsilon Pi Epsilon provides external resources that will allow individuals to improve upon what they learned.

The only restriction one may encounter when trying to attend a workshop is the maximum capacity.

If there are no more available computers, then entry into the workshop is closed.

People are urged to bring their own laptop in case maximum capacity of the room is reached.

If you bring your own laptop, you are welcome to take a seat on the side.

In order to guarantee a spot in a workshop, participants can RSVP on the organization's Facebook page: Upsilon Pi Epsilon- FIU Chapter.

Workshops tend to be one hour long.

Dependent on the subject, some teachers may request two hours.

Food is provided to assist brain power and to help participants enjoy themselves.

Workshops are a step-by-step experience and a PowerPoint is displayed so participants can work on everything as a unit.

There is often someone walking around the room to assist an individual if they need more help.

"We just want you to have enough foundation where you don't have a reason to say 'I can't do this,'" said Cartacio. "You can do this. We gave you the basics. Now go build on it."

Changes take effect for 2016 FAFSA application

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As students prepare to complete their 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the federal government has announced changes in the way students file.

A change that affects 83 percent of the University's full-time undergraduates, students may no longer use a personal identification number to access their information. Instead, students will be required to create an FSA ID, along with their parents to complete the application.

According to the Federal Student Aid website, "Only the owner of an FSA ID should create or use the account. The FSA ID serves as a legal signature and should not be shared with anyone, including family, school personnel, loan servicers, or contact center agents."

The Federal Student Aid website offers students

the option to link their former PIN to their newly created FSA ID.

According to the same website, the change from a PIN to an FSA ID was mainly "to increase security. Having a username and password is much more secure than a PIN that you enter in conjunction with personally identifiable information (your Social Security number, name, and date of birth)."

The state continues to state that it is safer because students will have to access and enter personally identifiable information over the Internet.

Students can learn about the new process and create their FSA ID by visiting StudentAid.gov/FSAID before the March 1 priority deadline.

Enrollment Management & Services and Univision will also host a FAFSA information event from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at the Graham Center pit.

All students who will be attending school between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 should reapply for federal need-based aid.

BLACK STUDENT UNION



MEGAN TAIT/THE BEACON

Ajai Johnson a senior in Psychology and minor in sociology (black shirt) and Nimena Milien a junior in hospitality Management and minor in communication arts (red and black shirt) stand at the BSU table at the Black History Month opening ceremony at the GC pit.

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Again Clinton emerges from Iowa facing a battle

Hillary Clinton has got a real fight on her hands.

The one-time front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination faces a protracted two-person race following a virtual tie in the Iowa caucuses on Monday after half the voters disillusioned by Washington turned against the establishment politician.

Her rival, Bernie Sanders, an independent senator from Vermont,

galvanized a group of Democrats including many younger, first-time, low-income voters, promising to be the champion of the underpaid, overworked American worker.

With the Democratic Party split, the contest could now stretch easily into March with Clinton forced to fight for a nomination many had long assumed was hers for the taking.

Post-Flint, EPA water protections and state reactions

The contamination crisis in Flint, Mich., has thrown a harsh national spotlight on the problem of lead in drinking water, especially in poor and minority communities. Yet the issue is hardly new — Washington, D.C., had its own infamous lead scandal in 2004, among other communities that have seen lead spikes.

Now health advocates are

calling on the Environmental Protection Agency to quickly toughen the protections that states must require of local water systems under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Among the mandates on the table is the eventual and costly replacement of all lead pipes in drinking water systems, rather than just those shown to be an immediate threat to health.

Microsoft recalling 2.4 million Surface tablet power cords

Microsoft is recalling about 2.44 million of its Surface tablet power cords because of the risk of fire or electrical shocks, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said on Tuesday.

Seattle-based Microsoft has received 56 reports of AC cords overheating and emitting flames, and five reports of electric shock, the commission said.

The recall applies to AC power cords sold before March

15, 2015, that accompanied Microsoft's Surface Pro, Surface Pro 2 and Surface Pro 3 tablets. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has more details on the recall on its website.

Microsoft said in a blog post that the cords can overheat if wound too tightly, pinched or twisted over an extended period of time.

Recreation center expanded to meet growing student population

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Roman Fronzaglia, a sophomore majoring in communication arts, works out at the Wellness and Recreation Center four times a week. At first, Fronzaglia used denunciatory language to describe his frustration with the crowdedness, but straightened up to explain further.

"The energy is nice, but it's very inconvenient," Fronzaglia said. "On busier days, I've waited 10 to 20 minutes for a machine."

For the process of the expansion to get started, the proper funds needed to be allocated.

Budgets from Student Government and FIU Housing were put into a pot to invest in the project, but most money stems from the Capital Improvement Trust Funds in Tallahassee.

CITFs are a portion of student tuition that is saved in Florida's capital and put aside for construction of non-academic buildings.

"It took us time to get the money available to do this construction and in surveying students and surveying our faculty and staff members about what we needed to add," Frye said.

All together the project will cost \$25 million, with SGA contributions focusing on an indoor jogging track, which will be 12 laps to a mile.

FIU Housing investments will be allocated to an outdoor space for basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, and a plaza area.

The blueprints for expansion of the Wellness and Recreation center are found on FIU's External

Relations website, along with a YouTube video depicting the forthcoming changes.

The design team includes the same architect and builders, HKS Architects and Moss Construction, that developed the three-time award winning Parkview residence hall.

"Res' is a great building, so we were very confident in having the same two players in the game to put together the expansion," Frye said.

Despite his faith in the renovations, Frye also shares some concerns. For one thing, there's a concern over noise.

"There's going to be pounding, drilling, sawing and all that kind of noise," Frye said. "At some points of time it's going to be an inconvenience, and other times you won't even hear it, but it's something progress brings along with it."

Frye said he believes the main concern is the impact the project will have over the existing parking area south of the Wellness and Recreation Center, more specifically Lot Eight, where there's low amounts of student parking compared to faculty and staff parking.

"Most of those parking spaces will go away," Frye said. "But, 12-20 parking spaces will be dedicated for the student health center, so patients and clients can still go there and use that facility."

While construction begins, alternative parking will be available in Lot Nine, located east of the FIU Arena, and in the Panther Garage, located across from the FIU Arena. Students may also pay \$160 during the fall and spring semester and \$83 over the summer for a space in the Housing Garage.

"It's going to be a little

more difficult, students are going to have to park a little further away like over to the soccer field or by the football stadium. Possibly pay a little extra money to use the Parkview garage," Frye said. "That's going to be the biggest inconvenience."

But to Frye, having the extra wiggle room is more than worth it, referring to the extra fitness opportunities the expansion brings like cardio-strength spaces and spaces for martial art groups. The expansion will also include a dedicated spinning room and a functioning training room.

By adding a training room, personal trainers may work with a small group of clients in a confidential area to meet their client's potential and take advantage of all kinds of equipment.

"Having some more rooms will give us more space to spread things out," Frye said.

Having a dedicated spinning room where the bikes will remain and won't have to be moved throughout the day, excited student instructor Vicky Mendez for the future.

"People can set up the bikes to their own degree, which makes it easier for people who work out constantly," Mendez said, explaining that the bikes may be more customizable for user experience once the renovations happen.

Frye hopes to host more events after the expansion is complete.

"Right now, Dance Marathon is held in our facility and it's a little crowded, but potential of moving that to the new space will allow for more use of area," Frye said. "All of this is going to be looked at as an overall improvement to campus wellness."

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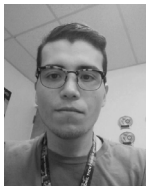


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Gabriel Coto (left), a junior communication arts major, and Sebastian Hernandez (right), a senior studying psychology, play instruments to attract students to their table promoting their fraternity Phi Mu Alpha.

GOP debate proves that Trump is inescapable

ROOM 101



JUAN SALAMANCA

From gun toting government and minority fearing survivalists to libertarians seeking a neo-Gilded Age, to gung-ho pro-lifers to rationally clueless ivy league investment and security industry types, to the Cubans who tremble with rage if it smells even a little bit like Castro, I have met many Republicans throughout the course of my life. In the politics of 2016, I've observed three convictions that unite them: an unwavering if inconsistent fear of big government, a deep obsessive hatred towards Barack Obama and the notion that Donald Trump must absolutely not be the GOP nominee.

When I press them on why Donald Trump shouldn't be the nominee, many simply reply that he is a "moron."

They're wrong. Trump is evil, not stupid. This is an important distinction.

By the time Fox's Megyn Kelly broadsided Marco Rubio with several undeniable clips of the Florida senator's shifting views on immigration over the past six years, it was clear that Trump had dodged a bullet, even given his apparent truthiness sorcery.

American punditry holds that Trump's calculation was to sink Fox's ratings and draw media controversy. They're fools. It's no wonder why he's been able to co-opt the media

with such ease.

Trump's absence gave the rest of the field, with what should have been an ostensible opportunity to build Iowa's support, a gauntlet of death with two equally damning paths; bring out the heavy artillery on Trump, hoping that not having to face his obscenity fueled counterattacks would give them an opening, or turn on each other to try to whittle down the field and consolidate establishment support.

In the case of the former, the debates end with the candidates fully trapped in the Trumpverse, even with all the hardest thrashing and bashing and politicking they're able to conjure, they are unable to escape. In the latter case, the candidates implode into an impossible security dilemma, all unwittingly acting as suicidal attack dogs for the orange billionaire.

In the end, they tried having it both ways and both ended with favorable outcomes for Trump.

Rubio is now raw and on the defensive. Senator Ted Cruz, who was threatening Trump in Iowa at the beginning of January, is finding his moment grinding to a halt. Bush's uninspiring and tired speech was insufficient to push his polling anywhere near Trump. The rest of the candidates are still inexplicably running. Trump's competing event not only raised six million dollars for veterans, but it was also a surefire way to win the hearts of voters.

I cannot comment on what Trump seeks in the end game as his apparent ignorance on

policy muddles the question of whether he actually wants the presidency. I can say with certainty that Trump saw the writing on the wall for the GOP and jumped at the opportunity.

His revival of the Birther conspiracy in

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2011 was not just to hound the President for the color of his skin—it was an experiment.

A New York Times poll conducted after Trump demanded the President's birth certificate found that 45 percent of Republicans believed that Barack Obama was not born in the United States. His hypothesis had support. With the GOP's extreme, othering rhetoric came from a Republican base so angry and

fearful for white America that they had become willingly susceptible to even the most outlandish ideas in defense of freedom and the "American way."

There's a reason that Trump asserted he could shoot someone and not lose voters and it's not because he's been doing so well in the polls.

The Post-Reagan GOP's penchant for eschewing Democrat-style technocrat talk in favor of pithy sloganeering has been effective for the GOP. It has won them two Bush presidencies and fueled the rise of the Tea Party in 2010. It has convinced Republican voters to believe in free market alchemy and the phantom money of tax cuts despite the largest economic downturn since the Great Depression.

In the 2016 election, it will be their undoing, an Achilles' heel for an impeccable charlatan to exploit and set the conservative world ablaze.

Those who dismiss Trump on grounds of stupidity demonstrate their own.

They've fallen for the fix. They wonder just why condemnations of revolting sentiments will not sink Trump's campaign like it would ten other Republican campaigns. Meanwhile, Trump laughs all the way to the Republican National Convention.

It is madness, but there is method in it.

Room 101 is a column about politics and economics. For further commentary, please email Juan Salamanca at opinion@fiusm.com

Freedom Week highlights human trafficking terrors

ROASTED COFFEE BEANS



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Last week, while walking through the Modesto A. Madique Campus, I saw a makeshift walk-through brothel displayed on the Graham Center Lawn.

A sign outside it read, "Girls! Girls! Girls! Only \$35 for 15

min." Inside was a dirty bed on the floor with sheets that looked as though they hadn't been washed in weeks. The dirty wooden walls were marked with stories from girls around the world who were victims of human trafficking.

One wooden plaque told the story of a girl from Albania who was trafficked in France and Italy.

It read, "...No one will ever know. If we succeed and go to police, b a d

things will happen to our families and everyone will know we are prostitutes. He asked what our family and friends would say if they knew how many men we have been with already."

Another plaque told the story of a 16-year-old Cambodian girl, "For my virginity they gave me \$200."

According to the Florida National Organization for Women, "Florida is commonly known amongst law enforcement personnel to have one of the highest incidences of human trafficking in the country" and is "commonly cited along with New York and California as being one of the top three destinations for trafficking victims in the United States."

The virtual brothel was part of Regan Kramer's effort to raise awareness of human trafficking in Florida and around the world. She founded the event in 2012 with United Wesley while working as a staff member. The event allows students to get a unique look into the lives of human trafficking victims.

Kramer said her Christian faith motivated her to raising awareness on campus and advocating for human trafficking victims.

"We want to speak up for these women and show people that God

cares about these women," she said.

Kramer told stories of college students who fell victim to traffickers. One day these girls were taking classes and dreaming of their futures' and the next, they were trapped in the clutches of trafficking with no hope for a future.

Kramer attributed the prevalence of trafficking to the sexualization of women in mainstream media across the world.

She said many people find it hard to sympathize with these victims because they assume they wanted to prostitute themselves.

"These traffickers know how to seek out, manipulate and control these women," she said, while explained how the lines between prostitution and human trafficking could be blurred, and how "trafficking doesn't always look like you're chained to a room".

When I asked Kramer if college students could fall victim to human trafficking, she said it can even happen at FIU.

During the first year of the campaign, a concerned mother reached out to the organizers of FIU 4 Freedom after her daughter, a psychology student, had taken her passport and run away with a

man she didn't know. When her parents finally found her, she was being trafficked on Miami Beach.

Trafficking doesn't only affect the lives of the victims, but also their family and their friends. Parents of trafficked girls live in constant fear that one day they will get a knock on the door from a police officer bringing them the news that their child is dead.

It's easy for us to ignore an issue that doesn't affect us directly; but imagine if it was your sister or brother. Would you still choose to ignore it, or would you do something about it?

Many of us think human trafficking is an international problem that happens on the other side of the world and the truth is simply that it's not. It's happening around us.

Change can only happen when we start speaking up against the violence and exploitation of women. It's important for all of us to be socially aware of what's going on so we can help victims of sexual violence. It starts with us. Let's be that change.

Roasted Coffee Beans is a column on gender, race, and social injustice. Zainab T Osazin is a contributing writer for FIU student media. For further commentary email Zainab at opinion@fiusm.com

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THE RELAY STORY

FIU Relayers fight against c

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In the US, one in three females (38 percent) and one in two males (42 percent) are at risk of developing cancer during their lifetime, according to the US National Cancer Institute's Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results Database.

Each year, approximately 14 million people find out that they have cancer, and eight million of them die from the disease as noted by on The Center for Disease Control and Prevention website.

This makes cancer the most common and costly health issue as well as one of the leading cause of death in the United States.

major with two years on FIU Relay committee that has given him the experience to run the event. As an activist, cancer fighter and director, Meneses oversees all the activities for the event this year .

Both Meneses' mother and grandmother had cancer, the latter of whom died from it. He entered Relay for Life as a way to participate in the fight against the disease.

"There is obviously personal reasons why I entered Relay but at the same time I wanted some growth and development; I am a big community service person and being able to give back to the community and being able to raise awareness for such a great cause really motivated me," Meneses said.

The event includes emotional and inspiring parts such as the survivor's lap, when all cancer survivors

up can be a huge deal. However, knowing that it will turn into a wig for someone who lost their hair going through chemotherapy makes it all worth it."

The Missions Director, Samantha Morejon is a sophomore environmental studies major who has been involved with FIU Relay in the past two years.

"My favorite part is the mission [of Relay for Life] where we're saving lives, creating more birthdays and making an impact," Morejon said.

Morejon's grandmother was affected by cancer when Morejon was younger and she saw her as she went through the whole process surviving it. Now, her grandmother attends and participates in these events as well.

"I am excited for this year since last year, it was actually a very emotional moment for us, we both cried." Morejon said.

This year, like last year, her grandmother will be cutting her hair at the Beautiful Length Ceremony.

"A lot of people don't realize that when you look at the Relay logo, it has a moon and a sun, so in essence of the same thought, cancer never sleeps so neither will we, which is why we stay up for this entire night," Morejon said in explaining the organization's logo.

When it comes to how the public can participate, Meneses said: "There are quite a bit of ways to help out, one of the easiest is to volunteer on the day of Relay."

According to Meneses, Relay is a 24 hour event, and in addition to the 48 committee members, about 200 volunteers are needed for setup, help during the event and clean up afterwards.

"The other way is getting together with your friends to form a team, it only takes ten people and a registration fee of \$10 which goes directly to your fundraising total," Meneses said. "Simply attending the event is also a great way to participate and help celebrate those who are fighting cancer."

This year, FIU Relay for Life will be having their 12th annual event on Friday, March 4 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.. at the Ryder Business Building.

About 1,685,210 new cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in 2016, an estimated 1,630 people per day.

Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the US and accounts for nearly one of every four deaths.

Students can visit <http://relayforlife.org/fiufi> to donate or send an email to fiurelayvolunteer@gmail.com to volunteer.



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Missions Director
FIU Relay for Life



In over 20 countries, Relay For Life events are organized by the American Cancer Society, in which more than four million people participate. According to www.cancer.org/, the goal of the events is to celebrate, remember and fight back. For some, it is a life-changing experience that offers a chance to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and fight back against the disease.

Relay for Life consists of an overnight fundraising walk organized in different communities. People gather and teams camp around a track with different activities to fundraise and provide entertainment all night long.

The FIU Relay for Life started in 2004 to enter the fight against cancer with the FIU community. It is not only a school event but a community event open to all of Miami.

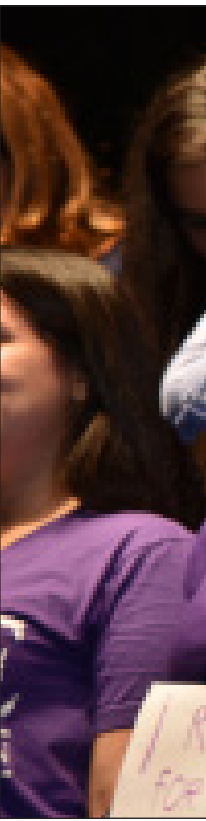
The overall Executive Director for Relay for Life at FIU, Robbin Meneses, is a senior criminal justice

at the event take the first lap around the track, celebrating their victory over cancer. The Luminaria ceremony honors those who have been lost to cancer by lighting candles inside of personalized bags and placing them around the Relay track. The Fight Back Ceremony which is a powerful call to action for each participant take the emotional commitment to fight against cancer.

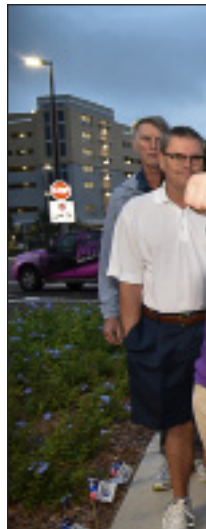
Andrea Alespeiti Community Outreach Officer, a sophomore biology major, has taken her involvement to the next level as she only attended last year's event as a participant.

Alespeiti's grandfather died from cancer when she was younger and now she's combatting the disease with FIU Relay. This year, she decided to enter the committee and work from backstage.

"My favorite part of Relay is the beautiful length ceremony when people donate their hair for the survivors," Alespeiti said. "I like it because being a woman, your hair is super important, and giving it



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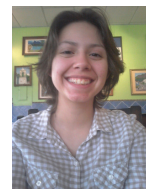


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Joshua Seidler, Japanese area studies major, senior
 "I have always lived with my parents. I want to have my own life, my own things, my own goals...the first one is going to Japan and mastering Japanese."
 "Say something in Japanese."
 "Nanika."
 "What does it mean?"
 "That means 'something'."

University local band

THE PIPELINE



NATHALIE BOJORQUEZ

Rob Kingsley and Sophie Sputnik created the "Killmama" band a few years back. This duo has such a strong presence when they enter a room, like everyone in that room knows that their ears are about to bleed from hearing amazing tunes. The band is best described as aggressive blues rock, they are able to combine blues guitar and drums with powerful vocals very successfully.

Kingsley and Sputnik founded Killmama in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. These two were born to play music together. The pair have known each other for years and the band began after a little hang out jam

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FILE PHOTOS/THE BEACON

At the Beautiful Lengths event the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority won first place, donating more hair than all other groups. The event asks participants to donate hair to survivors who have lost their hair to treatments.



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Along with the 2015 Miss and Mr Relay, Natalie Agramonte, Miss Relay major, and Joseph Paz, a freshman studying criminal justice, were crowned at the FIU Relay for Life event.

radio station features music playlist

... something serious. "Don't Go" is their newest single. The playlist features tracks such as "Don't Go (D.E.N.I.A.L.)", "Slow Suicide," and "Slow Suicide." The playlist features the roots of their songs and the energy of their songs.

nothing more left to be said, what's left. "Slow Suicide" was the first song I heard from Killmama and it was an excellent introduction to the band. It's a very raw song that seems to speak about an ugly but real topic, depression and addiction. The introductory verse alludes to that sickening feeling being ever present. It's exactly like a slow suicide, eating you from the inside. Even though the song begins at a slower pace than most of Killmama's songs, the end captures not only the energy of the band but also the rage and jealousy of the narrator with everyone else who seems to be happy around them, they just want to feel that good too and will do anything to achieve it. There is a video that accompanies this song that everyone should check out, but be prepared to have your

soul looked at by Sophie's piercing stare. Killmama should not only interest listeners for their amazing sound but also their clever lyrical content. One thing, however is important to clear up: "in no way does killmama endorse 'killing mamas' we love all mamas of all different shapes and sizes," reads the band's Facebook bio. They are a band that has great things ahead of them. If you are in the Hollywood area on December 30th, you should definitely check out their live performance at the PRL Dive Bar. Natalie is Local Genre Director at WRGP, her and Diana Romero co-host the live show *The Pipeline* every Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. For suggestions email entertainment@fiusm.com

Ancient Roman mosaic exhibited by Frost Art Museum

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Workmen widening the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Road in 1996 discovered a mosaic from Roman times three feet below the surface. Shortly after, a rescue excavation was launched by the Israel Antiquities Authority.

The Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum will host an opening reception for its latest exhibition, "Predators and Prey: A Roman Mosaic From Lod, Israel" Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m.

"It's truly a once in a lifetime opportunity for FIU and Miami to see a Roman Mosaic," said Jordana Pomeroy, director of the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum. "It's really a coup to be in the same tour with so many museums that are much larger than we are."

The mosaic will conclude its tour before heading back to Israel at the

Frost Art Museum. Before this exhibition, this historic discovery graced museums such as the Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Cini Foundation in Venice; The Field Museum, Chicago; and the Musee du Louvre, Paris.

The findings, which date from 300 AD, are speculated to have been the remains of a large, wealthy villa, for this floor could not have been owned by any other class but the wealthy.

It features an array of animals, including exotic animals from across the Roman Empire, which includes lions, elephants, and giraffes. It also includes marine life, showing various native species of fish.

"Exotic animals that you would've never found in the Middle East, they were related to the exotic animal trade of the time," said Pomeroy.

Lod, Israel, is near the Mediterranean Sea's eastern coastline. It has

played an important role in industry, scholastics and trade throughout history. A constantly occupied land and therefore a place with a low likelihood of archeological findings, this makes the mosaic much more exceptional, Pomeroy said.

According to Pomeroy, The Frost is the only museum part of the tour that will be showcasing a fourth mosaic that includes "very beautiful" ivy leaves.

The exhibit will run until May 15 and is open, free of charge to the public.

Those who hold a membership to the museum have the opportunity of attending an exclusive members tour at 4 p.m. Membership sign-up is possible online or at the front desk of the museum.

"People will be left with an interest in classical antiquity and about how important it is to preserve history," said Pomeroy.

For more information on this exhibit and opening reception contact The Frost Museum at 305-348-2890.

Annual FIU adventure recreation trips for ski/snowboarding experience

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Thursday, Feb. 11, the FIU Adventure Recreation program will accept final applications and payments for their annual ski/snowboarding trip.

The program's goal is to get the community outdoors to experience recreation opportunities in available parts of Florida and Southeastern U.S.

This year's trip will be from Feb. 25 to Feb. 28 and it will take place in the Great Smoky Mountains on Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

The cost of the trip is \$325 for FIU students and \$350 for non-students, this will include round-trip bus transportation, hotel, equipment rental, lift tickets and a few meals.

Payments are accepted at the Wellness and Recreation Center's front office in Modesto Maidique Campus.

The road trip takes 16 hours; according to Michael Prociuk, assistant director for competitive sports and adventure recreation, the group will depart Miami at 5:30 a.m. thursday morning and arrive at 10 p.m. that night.

"All Friday and Saturday they can go skiing or snowboarding," said Prociuk, "Ski instruction will be provided on Friday so everyone can get a crash course and learn how."

The venue for the trip will be the Econo

Lodge Inn and Suites, just 0.8 miles away from Great Smoky Mountains National Park and a ten-minute walk away from downtown's attractions such as the sky Lift and the Guinness World Records Museum.

The trip has a capacity of 50 participants, and it "fills up pretty quickly," said Prociuk.

According to him, there are only eight spots available.

"Not many people here have had the good opportunity to try new things and explore something more than South Florida," said Prociuk.

For more information on the trip visit studentaffairs.fiu.edu.

SPRING RECREATION ADVENTURE

When	Thursday, February 25 to Sunday, February 28
What	Wellness and Recreation Center's annual snowboarding trip
Where	The Great Smoky Mountains on Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Price	\$325 for FIU students and \$350 for non-students

Apply by February 11
Space is limited

TRACK AND FIELD

Track and field coach excited to compete

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Nobody is more excited and energetic for this coming track and field season than Head Coach Ryan Heberling. The former FIU standout believes that this could be his best team so far in his seven years as a head coach. His enthusiasm and expectations definitely have an effect on the athletes.

FIU has a few freshman breaking school records in long jumps, studs in throws and explosive sprinters that could consistently finish in the top three in both men and women's side, but Heberling made it clear to his team that Conference USA is not a walk in the park conference.

"In the beginning we let the team know how good our conference is," said Heberling. "I reiterated to the team that C-USA has teams that won the national championship coming out of our conference five years running. I didn't want the freshmen to think that winning the conference was their statement. They have to work their butts off to score points in the conference."

The indoor league is a taste of what to expect before the Panthers have to compete in the outdoors come early March. But Heberling was impressed by the team's performance at Clemson University's Orange & Purple Classic, and felt that they are destined to compete on the big stage. In the women's long jump, freshman Clarissa Cutliff finished

in first place with a school record and personal best 1.75 meters. According to Heberling, with that

takes pride in his team's performance on the track and field, but he strongly takes pride on the team's

athletes is to maintain at least a 3.1 GPA average.

Luka Mustafic, Panther's shot put

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Ryan Heberling
Head Coach
Track and Field

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record alone, it could qualify her to compete in the C-USA championship. He also believes that if she puts up similar numbers going forward, she could compete in the World Junior Championship.

Heberling not only

performance in the classroom. Academics have always been the top priority for his teams every season. He wrote and kept his team goals in what it takes to have a successful season. His number one goal for his

thrower, received all-academic honors last semester awarded by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The Croatia native not only is one of the team's workhorses as a thrower, but he also

managed to balance his school work by finishing his undergraduate degree with a 3.9 GPA and currently working on his M.A. in International Relations. Not to mention he could arguably be the strongest athlete on campus. According to Coach Heberling, he could compete for his country with abilities and strength as a thrower.

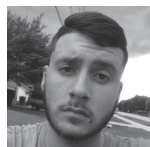
"A guy like that is the easiest kid to coach on the team because you don't have to do much," said Heberling. "I wish the whole team could be like that. He understands why he's here. He's going to get a good degree, a great job and he's like a popular kid."

The Panthers will travel to New York this weekend on Friday, Feb. 5 to compete in the Armory Invitational.

BASEBALL

Batting order, like mozzarella sticks, are hit or miss

LOUIS' HACKS



LOUIS AGUDELO

and bolts of it though, let's bring another food metaphor to the table.

The Panthers have officially begun practicing for the 2016 regular season, and boy, do things look scary. Before we get into the nuts

Some of you reading this may have read my last column on this team, where I compared the FIU batting order this season, to one of my best friend's toughest trials in life. My friend found that the filet-o-fish he had ordered from McDonald's actually had no fish between it's buns.

For those of you who might not understand, the Panthers have lost four of last season's best bats from

the middle of their line-up.

Months ago, McDonald's introduced an option that fast food has yet to try. That option was mozzarella sticks. The University did something very similar, bringing in their own three-piece combination with left handed second baseman Zach Files, right handed first baseman Nick Day, and switch-hitting Irving Lopez. The last of the three actually

batted .447 in the fall, so these mozzarella sticks are looking like a better idea with each passing day.

The question is, can this new, fun and exciting option fill the hole left in the belly of the Panthers, now that they've lost their fish? Or will the gimmick of a couple junior college transfers fall short of satisfying the FIU faithful, and their winning tastes, alike?

This team, just like right before the beginning of last season, a season in which they finished eighth and still managed to pull out nothing less than the Conference USA championship, has already been virtually counted out of first place. With the daunting task of having to integrate 20 new players to the FIU-way, and being expected to do so while playing 22 games in their first 30 days, Turtle Thomas and his boys have been predicted to finish fourth in the conference. It's just like Pete Pelegrin said, though "preseason prognostications mean very little."

Something that should be noted, is that returning starting centerfielder Jack Schaaf, and returning

right-handed ace Chris Mourelle have been named to the preseason All-Conference-USA team by College Sports Madness. It does fare well for the school in Sweetwater to have talent like that returning to make a run at back-to-back conference championships, but will the marinara sauce that is Jack Schaaf, and the milkshake that is Chris Mourelle, two staples of this FIU menu, I mean team, be as consistent as they have been in the past, and help win games?

I'll get more into milkshakes and other menu items that you simply can't live without in next week's column, but for now, the Panthers have just around two weeks to set their line-up, condition their bodies and begin their journey back to the tourney. I wouldn't dare make a prediction yet on where they'll finish this season, standings-wise, but I imagine this program is built well enough, but they won't hit the ground running against the Ole-Miss Rebels starting February 19, at Ole-Miss nonetheless. In fact, they'll be lucky to win one game against the Rebels in their first series of the season, but within the first couple weeks, after a rocky start, this club will likely be seen, sitting in a booth, with a full balanced meal on their trays, ready for just about anything thrown their way, besides maybe Rice.

Lou's Hacks is a biweekly column analyzing the baseball team and its players. For commentary or suggestions, email Louis at louis.agudelo@fiusm.com.

MORE WINS



BLANCA MARTINEZ/THE BEACON

David Alvarez, a sophomore finance major, exercises his trap muscles at the Wellness and Recreation Center, Tuesday, Feb. 4.

FOOTBALL

FIUSM Sports predicts Super Bowl 2016

As the golden anniversary of the biggest game in football approaches, the Sports writers for FIUSM predict possible outcomes for the 2016 Super Bowl between the Carolina Panthers and the Denver Broncos.



Santiago Archieri

*Panthers: 30
Broncos: 13*

“Might be sort of lopsided, but the Panthers don’t look as if they’ll be slowing down at this point.

I can’t wait to see Cam Newton dab with the Vince Lombardi, give away touchdown footballs to kids, and everyone continue to hate because he is so good at the sport while having fun.

While it would be fitting for Peyton Manning to win one last time as his career comes to an end, it is just as fitting to have him pass the torch to Super Cam.”



Stefano Rivera

*Panthers: 31
Broncos: 23*

“I think Cam Newton will run and pass for a touchdown and Carolina’s defense will set up the offense with short fields.

The Broncos will struggle to run the football, forcing Manning to pass 35+ times and committing a couple turnovers.

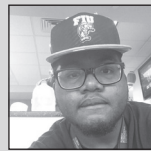
Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers will be “dabbing” their way to the franchise’s first Super Bowl victory.”



Alex Solana

*Panthers: 250
Broncos: 7*

“Because Cam is good and Peyton can’t feel his fingers.”



Peter Holland, Jr.

*Panthers: 13
Broncos: 24*

“I may sound corny, but I, for one, would like to see Peyton Manning end his career on top.

It’s the perfect NFL fairy tale that could win an Academy Award: Manning gets injured, then father time catches up to him, he gets benched by Brock Osweiler, and then comes back stronger, to beat his fellow rival Tom Brady and the New England Patriots.

I love Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers this season, however, Cam might have to be portrayed as the antagonist in this Sunday’s Super Bowl.

The Broncos will win Super Bowl 50 not because of Manning, but because of their outstanding defense.

I expect Cam to struggle against the Broncos’ pass rushers Von Miller and DeMarcus Ware, and their solid cornerbacks Aqib Talib and Chris Harris Jr.”



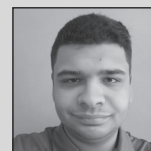
Louis Agudelo

*Panthers: 36
Broncos: 24*

“Although I will admit bias in favor of the Panther itself, I believe this Carolina team is riding too high to let even Denver’s defense slow them down much.

Mike Tolbert is going to have fun, with more than 50 yards rushing, Jonathan Stewart is going to finish with almost 100 yards, and while the Broncos will log a couple sacks, Cam Newton is going to combine in the air and on the ground for about 200 yards and a couple touchdowns.

Oh, and Luke Kuechly, Thomas Davis and Jared Allen will live on the Denver side of the line-of-scrimmage.”



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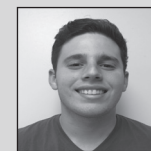
*Panthers: 17
Broncos: 7*

“Cam Newton’s athleticism will stifle the Broncos’ defense despite being effective in the AFC Championship game versus New England.

The Broncos have no problem stopping pocket quarterbacks, but Cam Newton hardly stands in the pocket for a long time.

Peyton Manning’s last game will not be like everyone wants it to be. The 39-year-old quarterback will retire after the game with only one super bowl to his name.

The Panthers’ defense has been one of the top defenses in the NFL and an immovable Manning will limit the Broncos’ play calling options.”



David Drucker

*Panthers: 33
Broncos: 17*

“One of the teams has the best talent at quarterback I’ve ever seen. The other has Peyton Manning.”

BASKETBALL

Miami Midnites making noise in South Florida

SANTI'S ARCH



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With the spotlight always being carried around by the big time names of the city, sometimes fans forget about the lower-level leagues around the nation that produce top notch talent and exciting basketball.

The Miami Midnites team plays summer basketball in the Florida Basketball Association, and has merged in to the American Basketball Association, or the ABA for the regular season. The Midnites are currently in their second season after being established in 2014 and look to take part of their third campaign in the FBA in the upcoming summer.

In the FBA, the Midnites have seen nothing but success. They are back-to-back champions and have only had one loss in two years, a one point loss and a game that the Midnites were penalized with 10 technical fouls. Regardless, they have cruised by their two seasons in the league.

The ABA has 84 teams spread out in 14 divisions and it features Canadian teams. The winner of each division goes on to the ABA playoffs. The Midnites are a part of the Florida division, with six other teams in Florida and Georgia. While in their second ABA season, the Midnites are starting to dominate the Florida Division.

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Freddy Edouard
Defensive Specialist
Miami Midnites

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we can mold our team to win the championship,” says Freddy Edouard, also known as the Midnites defensive specialist.

Last season, the Midnites went 17-3 in the ABA and lost in the finals, two games to none, against the Shreveport-Bossier Mavericks, a powerhouse that has gone undefeated in their last three seasons.

But the Midnites are a team on the rise in the ABA, shattering records in just their second season being a part of the program. Earlier this season,

they scored a new franchise high 210 points in a 210-101 win against the Columbus Blackhawks.

The recognition of the team expands globally as well. The Midnites are the professional developmental team of Maccabi Haifa, a professional team in Israel, also known for touring in the United States in the offseason, capping off notable games against the Memphis Grizzlies and the Los Angeles Lakers in October 2015. Last season, Midnites player Amir Ashaude was promoted to the Israeli affiliate and has been overseas since.

Freddy Edouard says this has become a natural occurrence for him.

“It wasn’t my first time seeing my team mate seeing play professionally elsewhere, but it is a nice feeling every time. It shows that if you keep working hard time after time, you will be rewarded.” Edouard is a longtime friend of Miami Heat center Hassan Whiteside, and says it is yet another example of how hard work will be rewarded.

The Miami Midnites are preparing for the playoffs in March, where they now hope to dominate not just the Florida Division, but the entire league. Fans can follow the Midnites on Instagram and check out their website for team updates.

T-Time is a biweekly column about women’s basketball in FIU. To contact Giancarlo email him at giancarlo.navas@fiusm.com



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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The University hosts the 10th annual Town Hall Meeting

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University President Mark B. Rosenberg spoke during the 10th annual town hall meeting on Monday, Feb. 1, about important innovations that BBC is undergoing such as the new residence hall, restructuring playground courts, transportation and recent integrations between schools.

Rosenberg touched an important point that was mentioned at last year's town hall meeting - transportation.

"Before 8 a.m., we are now offering five departures to BBC and seven departures before 9 a.m.," said Rosenberg. "Capacity was increased to 165 additional passengers, and expansion services to every 30-minutes between campuses."

Panther express buses run from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

In addition, the University's president also brought up future plans for transportation such as constructing railroad tracks for faster and easier access between MMC and BBC.

"We are going to present to the public in late March a comprehensive transit proposal for the entire county," said Rosenberg.

At the same time he requested everyone's help for this proposal to make it happen.

In discussion about the integration between CARTA and SJMC, Rosenberg said, "We are not dismantling neither the SJMC or CARTA, we see both schools as being enhanced by this partnership."

According to Rosenberg, nothing will change except for the opportunity for a better educational experience for the students such as more energy and students on campus.

During a Q-and-A with the audience, a student who has Asperger's Syndrome said his family has faced difficulties with integrating him into the University; however, with his disorder he has not been granted a full scholarship despite his involvement in school and having graduated as the valedictorian of his high school class.

He demanded to know what the University has done to solve the problem.

President Rosenberg responded by helping on finding scholarships that may be provided to him based on his circumstance.

SJMC Academic Advisor Rochelle Patten mentioned the lack of UCC courses at BBC and how it affects freshmen students by not being able to register on time or not having enough space, while in MMC there's ten UCC courses offered.

Patten suggested that UCC courses should be added more into BBC.

Provost Kenneth G. Furton, Ph.D responded by saying that it depends on student enrollment and demand.

"We're trying to be more intelligent, we are committed that we will offer more sections for the students at this campus," said Furton. "We could've done a better job but as demand increases we will stay on top of it."

Vice president of student government at BBC, Kenley Jean-Louis said the accounting major "has disappeared from BBC all together."

"It's one of those budget realities that



SUDYEN NAVARRETE/THE BEACON

Provost Kenneth G. Furton, answered questions about faculty enrollment during the 10th Annual Town Hall Meeting Monday, February, 1.

we have," said Rosenberg. "This university cannot put on courses that are under enrolled."

The president suggested students e the ones to help in that situation, to gather information on which classes would be preferred and what not to let him or the provost know.

Another suggestions made from student government senator Zainab Osasin was the lack of awareness that BBC has on sexual assault.

"There should be some sort of mandatory workshop for students," said Osasin. "Guys should know what's not acceptable and because of this women have to suffer."

Vice president of student affairs, Larry Lunsford, responded to the comment.

"During freshman orientation and first-year experience classes, students are taught and aware about campus sexual assault through the campaign 'It's On Us.'"

Lunsford also said that there's groups of students giving presentations in classes about the campus sexual assault, there's funds, t-shirts and students can even report anonymously.

One last renovation he mentioned was the new residence hall, Bayview, which is still under construction and set to open in fall 2016. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be announced soon.

Rosenberg says it comes with an incredible view overlooking the Bal Harbour and the Bay.

"I would never graduate!" said Rosenberg after expressing his admiration towards the residence hall.

Rosenberg mentioned the importance of the remodeling of the tennis courts and Panther Square.

"We have carried out around 176 events in Panther Square since its remodulation," said Rosenberg.

With that said, the town hall meeting concluded with Rosenberg stating that any student's opinion counts.

CHRIST IS A WOMAN

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Today, the world has the opportunity to understand the mystery of the Father and the Son, who in fact are husband and wife; male and female. By knowing the name of God the Father, which is Melquisedec and that His Wife is the Christ that was to come, and her name is Lisbet; you will be able to glorify their name and thereby inherit eternal life. Only until the manifestation of Christ in these end times, does the world know that She is the Spirit, the Word made flesh walking among us to give God the Father spiritual children, a Church built not with human hands, but with her words of wisdom.

God is two in one: Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

God has a wife: 1 Corinthians 11:3 "I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man. The husband is the head of his wife.

God is the head of Christ." If God the Father is the head of Christ, then this confirms that Christ is a woman.

The name of God: Isaiah 52:6 "My people will know my name therefore they will know in that day (TODAY); because I myself am speaking and I will be present." The name of God is Melquisedec Lisbet.

Christ is a woman: John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world."

Leviticus 4:32 "And if he brings a lamb for a sin offering, he will bring a female lamb without blemish." Numbers 6:14 "a one-year-old female lamb without defect for a sin offering..."

Who could reveal these mysteries? The Angel with the little scroll 1 Corinthians 4:5 "Therefore do not judge anything before its time, until the Lord comes, who will reveal what is hidden in the dark and what is in everyone's heart." & Revelation 10:2.

God gives eternal life through His Beloved Wife: John 17:3-4 "And this is eternal life: that people can know you, the only true God, and that they can know Jesus Christ, the one you sent."

No one has known the Father and Christ until now.

It is our wish that the world knows that Christ Lisbet is present and through her teachings she is giving eternal life to all who listen and believe by keeping her word. Acts 4:12 And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved. Ask the Father Melquisedec in the name that is above all names given to men: Christ Lisbet and it will be granted. Put her to the test and you will see that She is the Way, the Truth and the Life. John 14:6

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