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FIU welcomes Shakespeare's First Folio

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The University has been selected as the only university in Florida to host Shakespeare's First Folio as it tours the U.S. in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Bard's death.

“We knew this would be a blockbuster exhibit whose appeal would go far beyond just English professors and majors.”

James Sutton
Chairperson
Department of English

As part of a competition held by The Folger Shakespeare Library, the English department, Frost Art Museum and libraries worked together to develop a bid to host the exhibit, which beat out other universities' bids from the state.

The winning bid includes several events, all Shakespeare inspired, to occur throughout

February while the exhibit is present.

“We knew this would be a blockbuster exhibit whose appeal would go far beyond just English professors and majors, and reach far and wide into [the] FIU community and South Florida,” said James Sutton, English department head and Shakespeare professor.

The Folio was printed in 1623, seven years after the Bard's death, and is the first reliable printed compilation of Shakespeare's complete works.

“To have the First Folio here is to have a book that, not only saved a lot of the plays,” Sutton said. “It means that these plays without the First Folio wouldn't be available more widely to an audience of all religions and sciences and backgrounds. The plays are, though this has become a hackneyed phrase, Shakespeare does seem to be universal in ways that are constantly surprising me.”

The English department did not experience any resistance within the department in bidding on the First Folio. There were other sites in Florida that were expected to bid but FIU is the only location in Florida chosen to host it.

“We just had to convince Folger Shakespeare Library that we could take care of their

CARE FOR A BEAR



NICOLE MEZA/THE BEACON

Samantha Qyyum, an international relations senior; Gabreon Davis, a hospitality management senior; and Anna Williams a biology senior, choose their preferred animal to build at the Build-a-Bear event held in the GC pit Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

book,” said Sutton, “And build a program around it, for one month.”

The English department is offering a range of lectures, movies, concerts and plays throughout the month. The topics extend from celebration to criticism of the Elizabethan era and their traditions.

Ryan Schlusser, a senior English major, is also excited about the First Folio and the events that circulate it.

“It's definitely a pride point,” Schlusser said. “I hope the school gets the recognition it deserves.”

The First Folio contains 36 plays, 18 of which were never

published during Shakespeare's day because of the lack of money in print at the time. Some unpublished plays are widely known and studied today, like “Julius Caesar” and “Macbeth.”

“I've been sharing stuff on Facebook, especially to friends who used to go [to FIU],” said senior Alex Petras.

Petras, an English major, also hopes the First Folio educates the public over the importance of older literature.

The events are not just restricted to FIU. There are numerous associated events throughout South Florida.

“The best thing that could happen is that it puts FIU on

the map and more old pieces of literature come to FIU,” said Fernando Fernandez, an English major who felt that the Folio was a piece of history.

The First Folio is opened to Hamlet's “To Be or Not to Be” speech in the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum.

There are only 222 surviving copies of the estimated original 750. Folger owns 82 of them.

The First Folio of Shakespeare is planned to remain at FIU until Feb. 28.

Peer educators spreading awareness on campus

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Spreading awareness at FIU, the Counseling and Psychological Services as well as the Victim Empowerment Program educated students on healthy relationships and domestic violence during the 50 Shades of Lust and Kiwi Coloring Day event.

The event took place Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the GL Breezeway. At the event, CAPS peer educators advised the students on the do's and don'ts of relationships, as well as what to do, when to react and how to go about a sexual assault situation.

The team of peer educators were inviting the

students to participate in fun educational activities that led to free giveaways included graphic t-shirts that served as token of awareness to those who wore them proudly.

Kiwi, CAPS' alien mascot was also present at the event to welcome students and provide comic relief.

Cindy Guzman, one of the peer educators explained “Sometimes college can make you feel like an alien but we can help you adapt to the panther galaxy.”

A portion of the FIU students who were present at the event had, at a certain time of their lives, experienced or knew of someone who had encountered sexual assault.

Peer educators also



CHARLOTTE ALBA/THE BEACON

Peer educators Sandra Burr, Cindy Guzman, Alyssa Delgado, Kaylee Stevens and Martine Phadael pose with Kiwi the Alien next to the Counseling and Psychological Services table used to provide information to students about services.

promoted the services and resources that CAPS provides for students dealing with sexual assault

or any type of domestic violence.

Services include a variety of help hotlines

online and over the phone, counseling centers on campus as well as medical centers.

The event educated students with its informative tactics on the topics. They did this by sharing scenarios of sexual assaults and then providing the available options and possible solutions to the problems at hand.

With some of the peer educators having had previous experiences with sexual assault, they now serve as advocates who spread awareness throughout the campus.

During the event, CAPS emphasized the “It's On Us” campaign.

The campaign encourages students to speak out and act in order to prevent sexual assaults. They provided much information, brochures and even pins on the importance of sexual assault prevention.

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

15 percent of US adults have used online dating sites

Nisha Paige isn't shy. Not online, anyway.

Paige, a 33-year-old graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh, is a former Irish dancer who enjoys posing for 1950s-era cheesecake shots that she posts online.

"I don't feel like I have to put on an act; I have social anxiety and not the best self-esteem," she said. "The Internet makes sense to me."

The areas of most rapid growth were the youngest adults (ages 18-24) and older Americans in their 50s and 60s.

The survey included 2,001 U.S. adults, 18 or older, contacted June 10-July 12, 2015, via landline and cellphones.

"I'm a Tinder man, I admit it," said Dave Mechler, 28, of Jefferson Hills, Pa. "You don't really meet people at work, and the bar scene is tiresome from a guy's point of view, striking up a conversation at a bar is really, really hard. I guess online, you're on the same playing field. She's not laughing at you. There's no expectation other than saying 'I'm not interested.'"

Microsoft rolls out dog-identifying photo tool

Microsoft's latest trick: analyzing a photo to identify the dog breed of your canine companion.

The tool, released on Thursday, lives at what-dog.net and comes as a Web app or download for devices running Apple's iOS.

Previous Internet-friendly efforts include apps that tried to peg your age,

reviewed moustaches and evaluated whether two people looked like twins.

Computers are great at solving defined problems and making quick calculations, but identifying the content of images has proved a stumbling point for developing smarter software.

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Missing admissions tests leave would-be lawyers in the lurch

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Los Angeles Times
TNS

Eliana Spero spent three stressful months preparing for the Law School Admission Test Dec. 5. She has spent the time since trying to put it out of her thoughts.

"I did it," she said. "That was it. It was done." Except that it wasn't.

Spero and about 80 other would-be lawyers who took the test at the University of California, Santa Barbara, got emails last week that countered any feelings of accomplishment.

Instead of their scores, they received "Dear Test Taker" letters from LSAT administrators, telling them that their answer sheets were missing and they would have to repeat the grueling exam.

"At this point, we have declared the answer sheets to be lost," read the email from the Law School Admission Council in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

"To protect the integrity of the scores, we will not score these answer sheets even if they are found."

There was an apology, notification that the \$175 registration fee would be refunded and instructions that those affected could retake the test in January or February at no charge.

That was of little comfort to Spero and others who say that delaying their law school applications by a month or more jeopardizes their chances of getting into their preferred schools next fall.

"In general, candidates for the class of 2016 benefit by submitting a

complete application, including their LSAT score, to law schools as early as possible," said John Conkle, a Santa Monica resident whose test papers were lost.

"I anticipated learning my score by early January and had planned to apply immediately upon receiving it," he said. "That timeline is no longer feasible."

Conkle, a 2012 graduate of the University of California, Santa Cruz, said he'll retake the LSAT in January but is more concerned about the timing than the do-over.

Spero, who graduated from UC Santa Barbara in June, said she won't be able to retake the test until February, which could put her so far back in the applicant pack that she might have to postpone law school until 2017. She said she was floored by the impersonal email from the council, especially in light of its usually meticulous attention to detail and test security.

"I was very upset, extremely upset," said Spero of Marina del Rey, whose family spent thousands of dollars on an LSAT prep course. "This was a huge mistake, and I thought it was just 100 percent unacceptable. This organization is so strict that you have to bring a passport photo to the test ... How is this even possible?"

"I wish we knew what happened - UPS lost them," said Wendy Margolis, communications director for the nonprofit Law School Admission Council.

"The process in place has worked perfectly

well 99.9 percent of the time," Margolis said. "We are still looking for the package, but even if we found it, it has been out there too long." Margolis said she did not have tracking information or other details of the shipment, but that the protocol was to send the sheets out immediately after the test was completed. She declined to name the test center supervisor responsible for shipping them.

A UPS spokeswoman said that she could not comment without a tracking number for the package. The council administers about 100,000 tests annually, according to its website. The December test is one of four scheduled exams, Margolis said, and in 2014 was taken by 28,500 people.

It is "extremely rare" for answer sheets to get lost in transit, she said.

In 1999, more than 280 went missing while en route from three test sites to Newtown. And in 2012, more than 50 from the University of Tampa were lost, according to news reports.

Margolis said the council would do all it could to prevent a recurrence and that it is contacting law schools to ask them to consider late applications from those affected. She also said she gets why those whose papers were lost are upset.

"You would be really angry. I would be really angry," she said. "We are very upset that it happened. No matter how many are affected, it's a horrible thing."

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Starbucks incident magnifies gender inequality

THE LEVELER



AUBREY CARR

“Please no entry for ladies. Only send your driver to order,” said a sign on a Saudi Arabian Starbucks in Jarir, not unlike the “no Irish” and “no Jews” signs which adorned coffee shops in the past.

A gender barrier – literally a wall – separated women from men until a few days ago when the store was torn down for renovations.

Frankly, in cultures such as the Saudi Arabian culture, it’s a normal practice to separate unrelated men from women, and it’s fairly common to find signs banning women from restaurants, according to the International Business Times.

“Starbucks in Saudi Arabia adheres to the local customs by providing separate entrances for families as well as single people. All our stores provide equal amenities, service, menu and seating to men, women and families. We are working as quickly as possible

as we refurbish our Jarir store, so that we may again welcome all customers in accordance with local customs,” Starbucks said in a statement.

Of course it’s very possible that there are equal amenities; though service is subjective and thus equality is more difficult to pinpoint. Isn’t this reminiscent of the separate but equal utilities for blacks and whites in America fifty years ago?

If the water fountains and the schools and the diners were the same, why does it matter who goes where? If the menus and the seating and amenities are the same, why does it matter whether single men occupy the same space as women and families?

Are customs more important to uphold than freedom? Some would say this custom is to be expected; it’s a different way of life 7,000 miles away. Not to impose Western thought as if it’s superior, I still must note that it’s a disgrace to women everywhere, if even in one part of the world, we’re treated like second-class citizens.

Are women so low in society that we cannot order

our own coffees? That we must be told with whom we are or aren’t allowed to be seated with or where we may even sit?

Saudi Arabian women were recently granted the right to vote and exercised it in this past December’s elections. Even more encouraging is the fact that

“We shouldn’t discredit women because of their gender.”

Laura Aguas-Nuñez
Employee
Starbucks

20 women were appointed to political positions for the first time in this election, although according to Joana Cook, a Middle East political analyst, the positions don’t hold much power as they’re more symbolic.

If they can vote and hold office, they can order their own coffees and sit where they please.

These empowering points were still met with

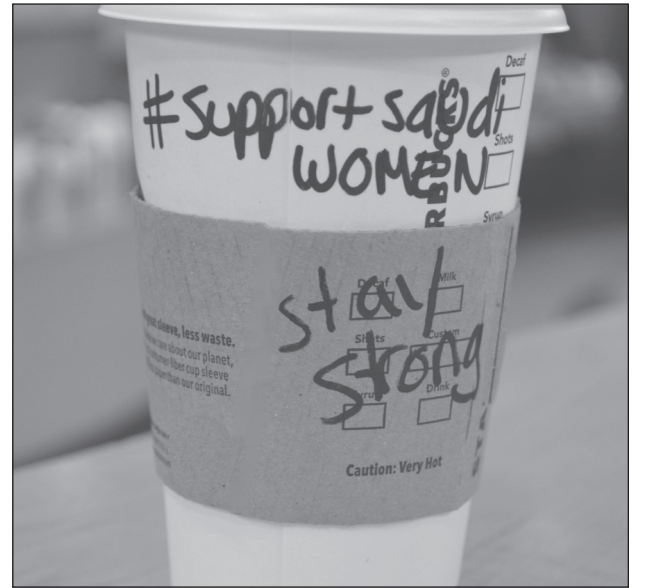
discrimination. Women aren’t allowed to drive and thus had to have men provide transportation to the polls, candidates required a male spokesperson to campaign and they needed their father or husband’s permission.

Laura Aguas-Nuñez, deemed the “Face of Starbucks” by Green Library employees, agreed that the situation is horrendous.

“Women are more than capable of ordering a cup of coffee if they can carry a child for nine months. We shouldn’t discredit women because of their gender,” Aguas-Nuñez said.

Although grateful for change, I refuse to act shocked by women taking positions of political, economic, and otherwise historically unusual roles, as though it’s an unexpected plot twist. I will be insulted by “no women” signs and then I will continue to fight for my equal rights as a human being.

The wall in the Jarir Starbucks will rise again, but perhaps the call of women around the world will grow taller. Perhaps this will bring attention to



AUBREY CARR/THE BEACON

FIU students stand in solidarity with Saudi Arabian women on Feb. 5 while visiting Starbucks.

the enormous continuation of gender discrimination, a battle that has slowly been fought for centuries.

As FIU students, we are expected to graduate as global citizens. We must care about this situation abroad because we send students to areas like these, many of whom are women and deserve to be treated better because they are equals.

We need to know about instances like this so that we make sure we prevent

them where they peek out and tear them down where they’re already in place.

We need to know how bad sexism can get and understand that any struggle with equality matters. Ignorance is bliss, but knowledge is empowerment.

The Leveler is a column on global social justice and political commentary. For suggestions or comments, please email Aubrey at aubrey.carr@fiusm.com

Cam Newton is not a sore loser, he’s just human

TEA TIME WITH ALIA



ALIA BENNETT

Cam Newton, quarterback of the Carolina Panthers, has danced his way through the season and angered many as a result. Therefore, it’s safe to say he was in a lose-lose situation the night of the Super Bowl.

If he would have won the Super Bowl, the mainstream media would

be upset and relentless. Within less than an hour of his loss, the media began to do what we knew it would, tear him apart.

While nobody is exempt from criticism, some of the expectations placed on athletes and other celebrities are just downright unreasonable. Sure, they’re supposed to be role models but why place them on such a high pedestal if you’re just going to tear them down?

Many tend to forget that they’re more

than a touchdown or a championship. They’re human beings with real emotions and thoughts. That’s why I stand with Newton.

Online and offline, Newton has been called everything ranging from classless to cowardly. Actor Rob Lowe couldn’t wait to show his dismay after Newton stormed out of an interview; but he was quickly reminded of his own shady past.

Former Denver Bronco, Bill Romanowski, who has been accused of making racial comments in the past, had tons to say about Newton and the loss only added fuel to the fire. His demasculating “boy” comment caused an uproar on Twitter causing him to make an apology. Many more weighed in on the situation such as sports analysts Stephen A. Smith and Deion Sanders.

Let’s take a moment to reminisce upon the behavior of others. Peyton Manning was a sore loser when his team lost Super Bowl XLIV to the New Orleans Saints in 2010. He rushed off the field without shaking hands with his opponent, Drew Brees. His actions were

defended by others instead of chastised.

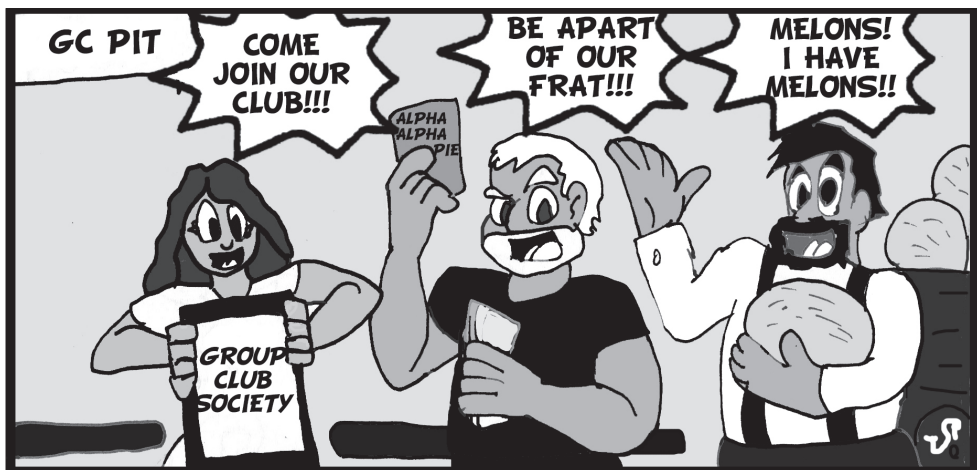
I find this strange that we fail to hold one person accountable and not the other. Moreover, Newton congratulated Manning face-to-face despite how upset he was. Bias is inevitable yet that doesn’t mean we can’t point it out.

I find it hard to believe that being upset about a loss is forbidden. Newton had just lost the biggest game of his career and he was unhappy about it, as he should be. We love to point fingers at people being just that—people.

Athletes are no different from us besides the fact that they have a million eyes on them. How many of those criticizing him can say they wouldn’t or haven’t acted similarly? He wasn’t profane nor was he rude. He simply wasn’t in the mood. Can we fault him for that?

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BEAR FOR BAE



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Tamanna Kabir, a doctoral candidate studying economics, and Farjana Siddaqua a graduate student studying mathematics, look at the penguins and Huskies provided during the Build-a-Bear event in the GC pit Wednesday, Feb. 10.



NICOLE MEZA/THE BEACON

Zannah Paret, a marketing sophomore, chooses a giraffe to stuff during the Build-a-Bear event in the GC Pit, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

University gets full taste of Shakespeare

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Students and faculty of the University had the pleasure of drinking like it was 1599 at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Working in conjunction with the Department of English and the Hubert Library, the School of Hospitality & Tourism Management held a special tasting of Elizabethan-era beers called “Taste of Shakespeare.”

The first-time event was held in order to celebrate the University’s exhibition of William Shakespeare’s First Folio, a first edition of all the writer’s plays that was originally published in 1623.

It was the Department

of English and the Library that tasked the School of Hospitality with crafting beers and ales for the commemoration of this honor.

“We were asked to produce a couple styles of Elizabethan beer and ales as close as we could make it to the beer of that period,” said Lindsey Ackerman, a brewing science technician who operates out of the School of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

Careful measures were taken by the crew in charge of crafting the brews for the event. This was done in order to ensure the historical accuracy of the beverages.

“I tried to make it as close to the product from back in the day,” said Chris Gil, a senior majoring

in hospitality, who in addition to Ackerman was one of the driving forces behind crafting the beers

Elizabethan era.

“We do not have a chamber pot,” Gil quipped as he readied for the event

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Back in the day you could not drink the water so beer was made more for purification...

Chirs Gil
Senior
Hospitality

”

for the event. “I didn’t filter it, didn’t pasteurize it, didn’t do anything crazy, just used regular brewing techniques.”

Gil assured that proper sanitation was a must during the fermentation process, which would have been entirely absent in the

to commence.

Both students and faculty were welcome to Taste of Shakespeare, which featured three beers and ales most common during the Elizabethan era: a small beer, a gruit and a honey wine.

“Back in the day you

could not drink the water so beer was made more for purification,” said Gil. “If there was no water you had to drink something so there was beer, there was wine.”

The small beer of that era was made with a low alcohol content, which made it popular among children and low-class workers. It was the small beer that most of the attendees seemed to be partial to, possibly due to the fact that the beer tasting was held on a Wednesday afternoon.

“It’s really good, it kind of tastes like a ginger ale,” said Sara Bogorad, a junior majoring hospitality. “It’s not as sweet but it is really good.”

According to Gil, the second beer-- the gruit --has a taste that most

modern drinkers would find uncommon. The gruit was made at a time when beers simply were not made using hops. There needed to be some kind of flavor so a variety of herbs (rosemary, yarrow, heather) were used instead.

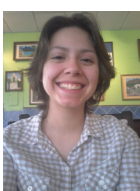
And finally, the third beverage--the honey wine--was known for its rich flavor.

“The honeywine was more for nobility and royalty,” said Gil. “To have that was a sign of being a big shot.”

The University’s celebration of Shakespeare and his work will continue through the month of February. Details on the festivities can be found at <https://folio.fiu.edu/>

Venezuelan guitarist releases her new album ‘Ahi-Ahi’

PIPELINE



NATHALIE
BOJORQUEZ

they picture a raspy voice and an acoustic guitar. She is currently signed with Midnight Special Records which is established in Paris.

This label is also home to

Womanmay is a Venezuelan electric blues guitarist that was raised here in the Sunshine State. When individuals think of the blues, usually

another local artist Michelle Blades.

Womanmay has developed an experimental blues of sorts that keeps true with its heartbreaking lyrics. Its simple yet elegant guitar chords spins off into an alternative sound that can be missed if you don’t listen closely.

Her newest album “Ahi – Ahi”, is exactly what you would imagine playing in a small town bar close to last call.

The title track is sung in both Spanish and English, an homage

to Womanmay’s heritage. This song carries a romanticism that can only be properly expressed in Spanish and a desperate questioning in English.

Halfway through the song Womanmay, uses spoken word to explain her fascination with the “little woman with honey colored eyes,” before returning to her hypnotic chorus. This song will speak to the hearts of everyone, even your Abuelita.

Another great song from this album is ‘Wake Up,’ the narrator lays down some hard truths

on the audience, forcing them to take a look at their choices and prepare themselves for the journey ahead.

What’s most powerful about this song is how the guitar does most of the speaking. It comes to life and envelops you in a tornado of past indecisions.

“Indigo Blue,” is a perfect example of how Womanmay takes the blues and makes it her own, but that’s not a trumpet you hear, that is her own voice.

If you are ever able to watch Womanmay perform live; she

can have an amazing effect on a crowd with just her guitar.

In addition to thanking her label and all those that supported her musical career, Womanmay has a little message for her audience “To the world, to you, this one’s for you! Para el amor de este idioma universal.”

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

Motivation Monday: cardio at Nature Preserve

MONDAY MOTIVATION



NIHAT STRIDER

FIU has a phenomenal outdoor fitness facility, the FIU Nature preserve. Though running on treadmill might be more weather friendly and easier but if

you want to enjoy the nature and have a more relaxed run, the FIU nature preserve is the way to go.

This week's Fitness model is Daniella Villati. She is a senior double majoring in Marketing and Management. Villati is a proud Co-captain of the FIU Golden Dazzlers and she is on the executive board of Alpha Omicron Pi.

Surrounding the Nature Preserve is a 0.6 mile jogging and running path. Research has shown that running stimulates mental health, strengthens our lungs, prevents high blood pressure, strengthens your immune system, helps control weight, builds stronger legs, relieves stress, increases bone density, increases strength on joints and boosts our confidence.

Health and Fitness is achieved

by both physical and mental attribute. American Psychological Association has provided evidence that daily exercise benefits our mental being.

As human beings our primary goal while empowering fitness is to stay strong and look young.



NIHAT STRIDER/THE BEACON

Expert studies at Stanford Medicine has shown running slows our aging clock. We do not have to run 10s of miles a day.

A short run or jog will do the job. You do not have to run far to achieve the benefits of running.

Remember, the only bad workout is the workout you did not do.

One of the commonly believed attribute of running is weakening of knee, joints and legs. Just like any exercise, form is everything.

If we do not maintain proper form, we will hurt ourselves.



NIHAT STRIDER/THE BEACON

Weight lifting can be deadly if proper form and technique is not maintained.

When we run, we have to make sure the impact is on our toes. If we land on our heels, the impact will resonate into our knees and

cause pain and injury.

Another big factor is the surface of our running path. If we constantly run on solid asphalt and concrete roads, then we will have hard impacts on our legs.

Luckily, the running path on FIU nature preserve is very soft but effective. The trail itself is made of approximately 5,640 recycled tires. This sort of surface provides cushioning to the impact and keeps our legs strong and healthy.

FIU nature preserve is open all day and open to the entire FIU community.

Anytime, whenever you are available: put your jogging shoes on and head to the nature preserve.

The nice cool breeze and the natural beauty will keep you calm and relaxed during your exercises. You can also ask for a partner or a group to join your fitness activities.

Other than the jogging, FIU nature preserve has six workout stations targeting different muscle group. There are stations specifically catered to the abdominal muscles which we all strive for: sit ups, leg raises and obliques. You can also perform leg lunges to target your lower body

muscles.

The surface being soft, it will not produce any strong impact on your knees.

Whenever performing exercise, it is essential to stay hydrated. As there are no water fountains in the outdoors, definitely make sure to carry a bottle of water. If you would like, choose your favorite soundtrack to keep you motivated throughout the trail. Stretching is extremely important for running, make sure you stretch before and after you run. If you are jogging at nighttime, you can take a partner with you for increased safety. Definitely wear reflective and bright clothing so you are easily visible.

Carry your cell phone for any emergency. No matter when or how, just make sure you are getting your daily exercises.

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away" but a proper exercise routine a day will keep many doctors away!

Motivation Monday is a weekly column covering fitness and health. Nihat is a certified personal trainer, for comments or questions email life@fiusm.com

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If you live in Miami, you probably know that one of the best places to meet famous celebrities and authors is no other than Books and Books, located in Coral Gables. This store hosted quite a guest list last year, including Richelle Mead, Rick Riordan, Chelsea Clinton, and Patrick Kennedy. Apparently, they have no intention of slowing down this new year.

On Jan. 31, Books and Books hosted famed business and television star Daymond John.

Daymond John is the CEO and Founder of FUBU, a much-celebrated global lifestyle brand, with over \$6 billion in sales. But, you may know him best, as one of the stars of the hit ABC series Shark Tank - a show that follows aspiring entrepreneurs as they present various business ideas to "the sharks," in hopes of landing an investment for their ideas or business.

Daymond John came to Books and Books to promote his new novel "The Power of Broke," a novel about his experiences as an entrepreneur and branding consultant.

The novel peeks behind the scenes of the set of Shark Tank and provides stories of dozens of entrepreneurs who have hustled their way to wealth. The book shows how we can all leverage the 'power of broke' to gain phenomenal success.

The store was jam-packed with fans eager to learn the secrets to success. During his presentation, John answered questions submitted by fans, including his experiences on Shark Tank and how he had made his fortune.

"We all know that success is not money. Success is being a great wife or husband. Success is raising beautiful kids. Success is stopping human trafficking. Success is fighting for our planet or fighting for animals that can't fight for themselves. Now that's success."

He also thanked his mother for her support, and had her stand, getting a standing ovation from the crowd. He encouraged people to always keep trying. He also encouraged people in the audience to "Being broke is temporary. Poverty of the mind: that's permanent.

If you don't learn to open your mind, you're never going to see success. Somebody sitting next to

you could be a millionaire, a builder, a designer, a manufacturer, a vendor, a new customer. Take the time to get to know the people that are around you. The people that are here are here because they

aspire to be somebody."

After his presentation, John signed copies of his novel for fans and took pictures with them. As an extra treat, he told fans that if they posted their photos with him, he'd give them a

shout out on social media.

Unable to attend? Don't worry, Books and Books will be hosting an array of upcoming authors including famed actress Kate Hudson and fantasy writers Susan Dennard and

Veronica Rossi.

For more information, you can view Books and Books' schedule of events on their calendar which is located on their website.

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BASKETBALL

Men's losing streak continues

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The men's basketball team (11-14, in Conference USA) lost their fifth straight game Thursday, Feb. 11, in an 84-74 defeat to the University of Texas at El Paso Miners.

Junior forward Elmo Stephen scored a team-high 18 points in a reserve role in a contest that was not as close as the final score may indicate.

"They did the same thing to us here [defensively] that they did to us there, we just handled it better then," said Head Coach Anthony Evans.

Second chance points - a problem that has bothered FIU for the past couple of weeks - did not doom the Panthers on Thursday night; in fact, they only surrendered two of the kind, even with senior center Adrian Diaz sitting the majority of the first half.

Turnovers weren't the problem either. FIU coughed up the ball 14 times, UTEP turned it over 12 times and both teams scored 16 points each off of those turnovers.

Instead, what sunk FIU was their miserable 15-32 shooting on free throws. This contrasts with the Miners' 63 percent mark from the charity stripe.

A poor defensive effort in which they granted UTEP 58

somebody. So they were getting open looks, something we couldn't afford," said Evans.

In FIU's last time out against the Miners Saturday, Jan. 23, it was the Panthers who sat on top by 10 points at the final buzzer.

That was before they dropped four games in a row and lost its defensive intensity. Heading into Thursday night, the Panthers knew that they would need to play excellent defense in order to hold off a hungry UTEP offense searching for its first conference road win of the season.

The Panthers played a competitive first half. Junior guard Donte McGill scored the first points of the game on a three, FIU's defense forced a travel and then McGill went right back with a second-chance layup.

His team's defensive effort did little to stop a red-hot UTEP

halftime, FIU was down 45-37.

FIU kept it close in the beginning of the second half; with 14:52 left, a Kimar Williams free throw closed UTEP's lead to 55-51. The Miners ran away with the game at that point as FIU failed to make shots and contest three pointers.

UTEP increased its lead all the way to 81-60 with 6:20 left in the second half. The Panthers cut their lead in half when the Miners missed eight of their last 10 shots, but still could not find enough in the tank to come back.

"Defense wins championships. We can score as many points as



MICHAEL SLOAN/THE BEACON

Freshman guard Kimar Williams prepares to take a shot over the University of Texas at El Paso Miners. The Panthers fell 74-84, bringing their losing streak to five.

percent shooting from behind the arc did not help either. The Miners finished shooting better from three point range than they did from the field (56 percent).

"We weren't communicating transition-wise. Guys were picking up their own man instead of just picking up

offense, however, as the Miners shot a spectacular 9-12 from three point range in the first half - even with most of the shots being contested.

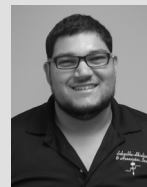
The Panthers stayed in the game by attacking the paint aggressively and racking up second chance points. At

we want. We scored 74 points tonight and we lost... we need to get better on the defensive end," said Stephen.

Next up for the Panthers is an away game at the University of North Texas Thursday, Feb. 18.

Panthers continue grinding it out

T-TIME



GIANCARLO NAVAS

With a minute and change left in the third quarter, Taylor Shade hit a layup to give FIU the lead against the University of Alabama at Birmingham Thursday, Feb. 4.

They never gave up their lead again as Panthers got not only their first conference win of the season but their first conference win since 2014, when the fifth leading scorer in NCAA history, Jerica Coley, was in their backcourt.

"I was proud of the way that we fought tonight," said Head Coach Marlin Chinn after the game. "We have proven we can come out and play 20 minutes, but we needed to see if we can play 40 and that's the effort they had to give tonight."

Despite what Chinn is saying FIU is minus 53 in the first half for the season and minus 67 in the second half. Both half's of the game has been a problem. But for Chinn, it was not only his third win of the season but his first conference win as the head coach for FIU.

Shade had her best game of the season on an efficient 26 points on 13 shots tying her career high in points. She was 3-4 from the three point line as FIU was 6-18 overall.

Shade has arguably been their best player and number one scoring all season long. She has had to pick up the lead after it was found out that their best player Kiandre'a Pound would miss the season due to her pregnancy.

"We wanted to come out and be

aggressive tonight," said Shade. "Coach Chinn has been challenging us to take it to the basket and we tried hard to keep doing that tonight."

Perhaps most important for the Panthers is the return of the 6-foot-2 forward, Brianna Wright whose size is needed as FIU is the worst rebounding team in the conference.

Unfortunately, Wright isn't the best rebounder as she is barely averaging over three rebounds per game for her career. However, in almost 20 minutes per game her sophomore year she averaged a shade over five rebounds per game.

Even with her re-emergence, FIU was still outrebounded in the game and again in the following game vs Middle Tennessee, which FIU lost 85-62.

Entering Thursday's game on Feb. 11 with UTEP, FIU still sits in last place sporting a 3-19 record and only 1-10 in conference play.

Once FIU comes back from their road trip they will play North Texas and then play Rice on Saturday, Feb. 20. On that day, the program will honor former head coach Cindy Russo.

She was the coach for 36 of the program's 41 seasons. During that span, FIU had 22 straight winning seasons as well as six trips to the NCAA Division 1 tournament. Russo has the 14th most wins in Division 1 women's basketball and sports a 667-386 (.633) record at FIU.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Panthers ranked fifth in DiG Magazine's polls

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Monday, Feb. 8, DiG Magazine announced that the University beach volleyball team will begin the 2016 season as the nation's fifth ranked team.

The Panthers are behind the University of Southern California, Pepperdine University, the University of Hawaii and Long Beach State University, which are ranked first through fourth, respectively.

Aside from being ranked fifth in the nation, the team enters the season ranked No. 1 in the East. Other top schools, such as in state rivals Florida State University and Stetson University, along with Georgia State University and the University of South Carolina, will be on the Panther's tails all throughout the season to claim the top spot in the East.

This is the highest the team has been ranked as it enters its fourth season in program history. Previously, the Panthers were ranked as high as ninth at the start of the 2014 and 2015 season.

In 2014, the team finished 14-4 and made it to the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Championships before being defeated by FSU. It only improved as it ended the 2015 season 20-3 and made it to the semi-finals of the AVCA National Championships before falling to Pepperdine. The Panthers finished the season fourth in the polls.

Six of the top-ten players from a year ago are not with the squad anymore. Duos such as Maryna Samoday and Anja Licka, Kristine Monforte and Summer Nash and Martyna Gluchowicz and Anna Budinska, that finished with a combined record of 58-12, will be

missed.

Of the 20 players on last year's roster, only 10 have returned to play in 2016. Players like juniors, Aren Cupp and Marina Boulanger as well as Tina Toghiyani are a few of the returning experienced players.

Cupp, the team's current captain and captain last season, ended last season 19-2, including going 13-1 with Toghiyani. Toghiyani finished 23-3, including going 9-1 with Boulanger. Although not posting as impressive records as her teammates, Boulanger still managed to finish 19-8.

These players, along with seven others, will form the top five duos and compete throughout the season. They will also have been emulated both on and off the court, as seven players are new to the program and will be stepping foot on the sand for the first time this season.

The Panthers will undoubtedly be challenged this year. Of the 17 matches they will be playing, 11 are against teams that are in the top-20 in DiG Magazine's polls. These teams include: Louisiana State University (No.19), Tulane University (No.18), South Carolina (No.17), Stetson (No.10), Georgia State (No.8), University of California at Los Angeles (No.7), FSU (No.6), Hawaii (No.3) and USC (No.1). The Panthers play LSU and Stetson twice throughout the season.

In the AVCA's brief stint, there have been three champions: Pepperdine in 2012 and 2014, Long Beach State in 2013 and USC last season.

However, this will be the first season that beach volleyball is an NCAA-sanctioned sport. As a result, the Panthers will take aim to become the first team to win the NCAA beach title.

FEEL THE BURN



NICOLAS GARCIA/THE BEACON

Michael Mestre, an accounting junior, does crunches on exercise equipment in the Nature Preserve, Friday, Feb. 15.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

Univeristy's women's rugby team first in the state

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The Women's Rugby team is coming off a win against UCF, 38-24. Right now, they are ranked first in the state with an upcoming matchup against UF Saturday, Feb. 13. Senior team captain Eileen De La Rosa spoke about the physicality of the game and the current status of the team as they move forward to further challenges.

"The past 3 years have been growing teams because we've had a lot girls come out in their senior year and then graduate. They just get a year of knowledge, but all 3 years we have been competing Nationally, we've moved up to Division one, so it's a little heavier in completion, but we are first in the state right now so it shows that we can compete on all

levels," said De La Rosa.

After a tough fought victory against UCF, the Panthers look to

"We're definitely going to keep the things we didn't mind for that game and really try to cover our basis defensively, we scored more but we are trying to minimize teams scoring on us

Eileen De La Rosa
Team Captain
FIU Women's Rugby

continue improving their game as they travel to Gainesville for a matchup against the Gators.

"We're definitely going to keep the things we didn't mind for that game and really try to cover our basis defensively, we scored more but we are trying to minimize teams scoring on us," said De La Rosa.

They will also be competing against Life University as an extra exhibition and are working on improving the flaws within their team.

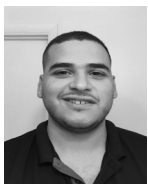
"I'd say communication and really learning the game for a lot of the new girls. We need to do a little more recruitment just to get a solid basis of girls and get the rugby knowledge flowing so it doesn't drop off," said De La Rosa.

As some of the players continue healing from injuries, the team looks to continue their solid play as they represent our FIU Panthers. With three days a week practice and also conditioning.

WEIGHT LIFTING

Weightlifting club ready to compete on national stage

SAM'S CLUBS



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The weightlifting club, led by Jeffrey Borrego, a senior at FIU, also the founder and president of the club, spoke about the current status of the club and rising to a promising future. I was able to check out the new facility in building PG6 and was very welcomed.

"The facility is great, it wasn't the original facility, but it's great because now we can train here on campus and provide our services to students who perhaps don't have the means of transportation," said Borrego.

The weightlifting club is open to all students who would like to join. With the new facility and the club up and going, Jeffrey is encouraging anyone who is

interested to come sign up. The Club offers you some training from all kinds of athletes who are looking to get that workout into your schedule.

"What we are doing right now, is that we are spreading out with training sessions throughout the day. Athletes don't need me, as their coach to be there for their workouts, I provide them with a workout and I communicate with them through emails or group chats to provide them with feedback, Jeffrey said".

Each workout provided to you is very specific to what you want to accomplish. "I think of it as playing chess, Jeffrey said". Workouts usually last to about two hours per session with some great aid and counseling. You can just see that there was some good energy in the building. They like to play all kinds of music to get

everyone in a good feel while working out which is always key to get that adrenaline rush going.

One of the emphasis that I wanted to point out is what kind of nutrition intake is being involved during these workouts that will help able these athletes to get through their workouts. "When it comes to athletes being able to perform better because of nutrition, that's like a separate talk that we can have with my more elite athletes that I have, going to National or state level competitions. My main focus is to have people to come in that don't know how to weight lift and have a desire to learn more about the sport and teach them the basic fundamentals and get them to enjoy it, Jeffrey said".

With Jeffrey as their founder, he hopes to get more attention and to reach to

anyone that looking to joining. "This is a growing sport, this is what I love and that's why decided to take the steps into founding it, Jeffrey said".

Jeffrey was very excited about what is to come but did also state that the number one problem with the Weightlifting club is the funding and is hoping to continue to get better and provide more. "The number one issue right now is impeding our growth, Jeffrey stated". With the hopes of the weightlifting club getting more marketing and funding, Jeffrey hopes that sooner than later they will be able to be competing on the National stage.

Sam's Clubs is a weekly column about FIU sports clubs to suggest clubs or offer commentary email Samir Bader at sports@fiusm.com

SEXUAL SAFETY

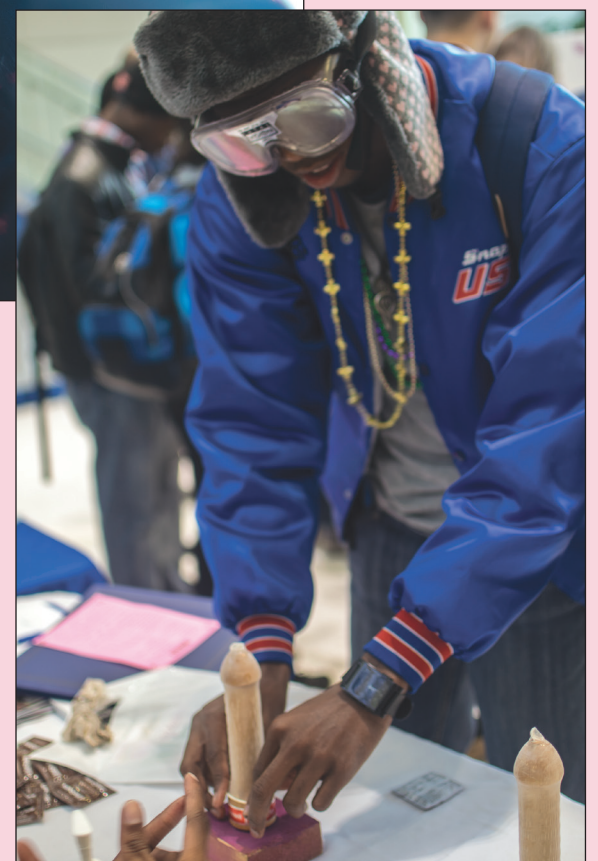
Sex Carnival takes firm position on sex education

Top: Junior journalism major Amanda Flores puts on “beer goggles,” a pair of goggles that simulates inebriated vision, for a game.

Bottom: Gardinsky Ady, a junior biomedical engineering major, places a condom on a wooden toy.



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Students, faculty and volunteers all gathered at Panther Square for the sixth annual Sex Carnival last Thursday, Feb. 4.

“It’s all sex,” said Isabel Capella, BBC health educator and organizer of the event. “We are talking about sexual health and other sex-related subjects in a nonconventional way.”

The Sex Carnival’s unconventional method for educating the public on sex awareness included a number of games and demonstrations.

For example, a game-show-like wheel put the students’ carnal knowledge to the test. On the other end of the Carnival, professionals used various phallic

objects for the purpose of demonstrating proper condom usage.

“When you try to teach about sexual health, everyone gasps because you’re talking about sex,” said Capella. “With this Sex Carnival, we try to make it into as fun an environment so that students can learn while having a good time.”

Keeping with the event’s motto “Nothing is Taboo!” volunteers encouraged participants to feel comfortable with the notion of using amusement as a tool for sex education.

“We’re very supportive here at BBC,” said Stephanie Jamanca, a University graduate assistant and volunteer at the event. “It’s not just professionals preaching to you about safe sex or how to enjoy sex, but it’s

about being able to learn about it in an environment that’s fun for you.”

Jamanca’s duty for the event was handling the inexpensive aphrodisiac booth, which educated participants on the amount of readily-available foods that stimulate sexual desire.

“Honey is a fantastic source of boron, which stimulates estrogen production in women and testosterone in men,” said Jamanca gesturing to the colorful display behind her. “One that everyone usually guesses is chocolate but there are also bananas, watermelons, pomegranates, and believe it or not, chili peppers could be a pretty powerful aphrodisiac.”

In addition to the discussions on sexual health, the LGBTQA

Initiatives held a demonstration to educate students on the different kinds of sexual terms that individuals could use to identify themselves.

“We have a game where we challenge participants with terms they have never heard before using the celebrities who identify with those words,” said Mario Lara, a graduate assistant for the Multicultural Programs and Services as well as a volunteer at the Carnival. “All of this in good fun to educate the community and perhaps help them learn a little bit about the LGBT community.”

Like Capella said, the Carnival addresses various subjects that pertain to sex using an unconventional approach.

Almost every component of the Carnival

had figured itself to fit into the Health Center’s eccentric curriculum for sex education, but unfortunately there are just some subjects that simply cannot be handled using the same lightheartedness as proper condom usage or the dynamics of modern dating.

“We provide a number

of services to victims, anything from personal counseling to medical exams to legal advocacy,” said Ediana Bocaille, a clinical social worker for Jackson Memorial Hospital’s Rape Treatment Center. “All we want is for students to know that there are services that can be accessed free of charge.”

Annual conference encourages student leadership

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BBC held its 13th annual Leadership Summit, Saturday, Feb. 6. This is a one-day conference that gives students the opportunity to learn about different aspects of leadership, hear experiences from guest speakers and gain knowledge for future professional ventures.

This event provided a selection of sessions to choose from. Each highlighted key points addressed by students and faculty, and lead to an active discussion of

learning how to deal with issues and gain a better understanding of how to become a great leader.

A number of students came out to represent their respective organizations. Rebecca Merek, a student representative for Alternative Breaks, spoke about her experience at this year’s summit.

“It was my third time attending the summit,” she told student media. “I thought it was well put together and very motivational with an aspect of fun.”

The main event’s keynote speaker, Alex Chacon, renowned motorcycle rider and selfie expert. He was chosen this year

to speak about his incredible story of adventure and perseverance.

After four years of education at the University of Texas, he graduated with honors in Biomedical Sciences. However, before going onto Medical school to get his doctorate, he sold all of his belongings, and went on a journey—traveling across the world on his motorbike.

He has driven over 200,000 kilometers to five continents, more than 41 countries and across 75 borders, as mentioned on his website, modernmotodiaries.com.

Not only did he face being stranded for four days without food, but he has

encountered bureaucratic corruption, being robbed and sleeping near a river ridden with malaria infested mosquitos. Through all these hardships, he has overcome it all while raising money for charitable causes. He has inspired many and continues to develop new ways of making creative media content.

University student Zarina Guterrez commented on how Chacon’s speech impacted her. “I think he was a great choice. I thought his speech was relevant, especially the part where he said that we should learn how to lead ourselves before we lead others.”