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Board of Trustees unanimously approve Nature Preserve construction

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The Board of Trustees meeting was in session Friday, March 11, to discuss building two practice fields over the northern part of the the Nature Preserve. The plans included a give and take resolution, where the University would take the 2.82 acres from the north, and provide a 2.95 expansion of the wetland area to the south.

Those countering the University's decisions were in attendance, anticipating

the outcome of FIU's Nature Preserve.

The ruling resulted in the unanimous decision in favor of the construction to build both fields in the controversial area, and to add the Preserve's expansion to the south. It was immediately followed by a walkout by opposing students.

President Mark B. Rosenberg opened the floor, saying "to the entire group of individuals who care, we want to figure this out."

"It may not always go exactly the way that everybody wants. This is an issue that there is a lot

of frustration everywhere. I want you to understand that we are working as hard as we can to do what's in the best interest of the University," he said.

Some believe that the administration has been working in their best interest.

Aime Estevez, a junior studying environmental studies, presented her concern that the University was not responding to the real needs of the students at FIU.

"FIU made an agreement with Miami FC in October of last year, giving them use of the Ocean Bank Stadium,"

Estevez said when reporting her claim.

"What that means is that it's displacing some of our athletic students, and they won't have as much area to practice. So it seems to stand that since October the FIU administration has known that their athletic students have needed another space to practice, and yet we were not made aware of the fact," she said.

Estevez said, "Now I have to ask you what we're standing for as a University? Are we standing for short term privatized monetary gain, or are we standing

for the education of our students?"

Chief Financial Officer Kenneth Jessell addressed the accusation.

"This is not something that came up in October, November or December. This has been a long going concern for our students, and our student athletes," he said.

He also said "we are the only school in Conference USA without practice fields."

"We expect our athletes to perform on the field, on the court and in the classroom which is the most important part. We want them to have access to the best

facilities, and to be trained appropriately" said Jessell.

According to Jessell, The University had reportedly planned the project in December with an estimated budget of \$1.9 million, and student government had agreed to contribute \$500,000 towards its construction. While the Board has been considering many options over which approved plan would be the best location, and also would be the most cost effective. It was determined that the plan to build over the Preserve

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HAPPY RUM TRAILS



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Local band, Rum Trails, plays an acoustic performance on The Pipeline, WRGPs local music show.

FIU fires Chinn

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Two weeks after women's basketball team captain Destini Feagin filed a sexual misconduct complaint against Head Coach Marlin Chinn, the University fired him.

Chinn was released Friday, March 11 following his admission to violating NCAA rules with athlete benefits. He never admitted to sexual misconduct on his behalf.

The violation of NCAA rules came when Chinn gave Feagin \$600 to pay off a \$500 debt on her FIU account in December in order to register for the spring semester.

Feagin claims she was unaware that the loan Chinn gave her was an NCAA violation.

Although Chinn has been fired, the case with Feagin is still under investigation

by local authorities. Chinn's firing saves FIU a total of \$644,000, which would've been his total payout had he served the remaining four years on his contract.

In Chinn's contract, Section 6(e) states he can be terminated with cause for an intentional violation of NCAA rules.

Since Chinn's suspension began Saturday, Feb. 27, Assistant Coach Tiara Malcolm has served as interim coach for FIU's last two regular season games and its two Conference USA tournament games.

FIU finished last in the Conference with a 5-26 record. Their season ended after a 76-44 loss to Marshall Thursday, March 9 in the C-USA tournament.

During the offseason FIU will recruit and look for a new head coach.

Actress Eva Longoria joins NextGen and Latino Victory Project to discuss Latino vote

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On March 10, NextGen Climate and Latino Victory Project hosted a panel dubbed "Young Hispanic Voters: Climate Change and Economic Opportunity."

Moderated by Maria Cardona, principal at Dewey Square Group, the panel focused on the importance of voting and participating in the primaries.

In the wake of the Florida primaries, Donald Trump achieved a significant victory.

Panelists Tom Steyer, president of NextGen Climate, actress Eva Longoria, founder of Latino Victory Project,

congressman Joaquin Castro of Texas, and Salome Garcia, student and co-founder of FIU's Age of Aquarius Group, weighed in on the discussion of environmental and Latino concerns.

"This is probably the most important audience in The United States because you're young, in Miami, and Latino," said Steyer.

She said, "We're asking every candidate to layout their plans to explain how we're going to solve the problem and move to clean energy, but every poll we have says that of any group, Latinos or Hispanics, care more about energy, climate and environment [issues] than any other group. Every poll we have says that when it comes to age, people under the age of 30 care more about energy,

climate and the environment more than any other group."

Latinos, according to Longoria, is the fastest growing demographic in the United States.

"Demography is not destiny," she said. "I think a big myth is that us Latinos think 'We're the biggest group, we're the largest minorities.' If we don't vote, if we don't show up, that means nothing."

"We can be the largest group, but we're still the most undereducated group; we're the most unemployed group; we're the group that lives most in poverty. Don't be deceived by the numbers, our own numbers."

The panel discussed the ongoing issue of getting young

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

13.1 million US coastal residents could face flooding because of rising sea levels

As many as 13.1 million people living along U.S. coastlines could face flooding by the end of the century because of rising sea levels, according to a new study that warns that large numbers of Americans could be forced to relocate to higher ground. The estimated number of coastal dwellers affected by rising sea level is three times higher than previously projected, according to the study published Monday in the science journal *Nature Climate Change*.

Dangerous fire stunt at school rally was against district policy

School officials had strong words about a “forbidden” pyrotechnic performance that was approved by a Delray Beach high school principal, then went horribly wrong when a stuntman’s face caught fire in front of 2,000 stunned students at a pep rally. Students gasped and screamed Thursday morning when the fire breather’s face erupted into flames that spread to his arms and body as he tried to tamp it out. Engulfed in a fireball, he ran onto the gymnasium floor at Atlantic Community High, video of the incident showed. “He panicked, he was swinging his arms, trying to hit it out,” said Danny Lahav, 18, a senior at the rally.

Zuckerberg braves Beijing smog for a jog as his China charm offensive continues

He’s spent years studying Chinese. He’s hosted China’s cyberspace czar at his office, and encouraged employees to read President Xi Jinping’s book “The Governance of China.” Now Facebook supremo Mark Zuckerberg, whose social network is still blocked by the Great Firewall, has gone yet another mile in his ceaseless courtship of China: He’s gone jogging through Beijing’s Tiananmen Square during a yellow-level smog alert. On Friday morning Beijing time, when the Air Quality Index had soared over 350, deep into “hazardous” territory, Zuckerberg posted a message on his Facebook account saying he had just jogged through Tiananmen Square. The accompanying photo showed Zuckerberg to be without a protective face mask.

Practice fields to be built on the Preserve

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approved plan would be the best location, and also would be the most cost effective. It was determined that the plan to build over the Preserve was the best option.

“The replacement of land was very important. So we are using 2.82, and we are giving back 2.95,” said Jessell when referring to the acres being provided at the south and being taken from the north. “We are putting in \$400,000 from that \$1.3 million savings to do the mitigation on the southern part of the newly created areas. In addition, the committee wanted a \$2 million endowment that could be used with a fourpercent payout.”

Jessell had mentioned that the \$80,000 a year will come from the endowment plan.

“In essence this gives us the equivalent of the endowment so we don’t have to wait months or years to have that endowment,” he said.

Jessell also reported that the environment planning committee currently has only \$10,000 going into the improvement and maintenance of the preserve. Only \$5,000 are coming from the university funds and \$5,000 from the endowment.

“We are not stopping there; we are committed to this notion of earth environment and sustainability so we

are going to be working on comprehensive university wide programs of conservation and sustainability,” he said.

Alexis Calatayud, president of MMC-SGC, also detailed the student government’s resolution and what it actually insinuated, “Student Government recently signed a resolution that said ‘we support the

“ I want you to understand that we are working as hard as we can to do what’s in the best interest of the University.

Mark B. Rosenberg
University President

preservation of the preserve, and not mutually exclusive, we support intramural fields on campus.”

According to Calatayud, the message in the proposed resolution means preserving the preserve but does not include the northern portion.

She said “Students will have educational experiences they’ve never had before. Students will be able to be a part of the process of creating a conservation and sustainability plan.”

“Will the preserve be the same? No. Will we have unprecedented opportunities for the university, for student participation, and to explore what sustainability leadership means when faculty students and administration partner in a unique way, yes,” she said.

However, Erin Berry, a political science and international relations student, said “The faculty senate resolution itself is really good, with the endowment and the security for the preserve. It is just concerning that this only seems to happen when they wanted to develop football fields on the preserve, and I don’t like having all of our environmental stewardship resolutions being the result of another development scheme.”

“Where is the land survey? The environmental assessment?” asked Berry when raising some of the unclear questions that haven’t fully been addressed. “Environmental impacts take a full year to do, and it seemed like here they just went in for four months and said ‘well it looks like there’s invasives here mostly, so take it out.’”

The administration has recently suggested their conscious effort to be environmentally aware for the University by acknowledging the necessary demands to care for natural areas on campus

NextGen and Latino Vote Project hosts panel

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people involved in the political election, emphasizing how the young Hispanic vote, in particular, is important to create change. They said that there’s a difference between young people saying everyone should go out to vote and actually going out to vote.

According to Cardona, in 2016, there will be 27 million eligible Latino voters.

“In 2012, I think the number that went to the polls was maybe 11 million...and I’m being generous with those numbers – it’s less than that,” she said. “Our participation rate is 49 percent – less than half of Latinos eligible voters go out to vote. Can you imagine if we even increase that by 10 percent?”

They emphasized that action means causation – the reason why there isn’t enough Latino representation is because of the lack of voters.

Focusing on the upcoming presidential election, they urged the audience to look at where the candidates stand on issues like climate change, minimum wage, health care and immigration. With most of the panelists supporting Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, they took the opportunity to address the flaws of the Republican Party.

“I really think that our party, both candidates are speaking to the issues that our communities care about in a way that the other party is...not just absent, but they are acting against our interest,” said Cardona. “Both of our candidates were talking about climate change, were talking about clean energy.”

They criticized Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio for not addressing the relation of climate change with the Latino population, and dismissed the idea that Latinos automatically vote for Latinos.

When talking about climate change in the election, Steyer said it was important to hear about what each of the candidates have proposed and whether or not they plan to create jobs related to clean energy, asking for a progressive agenda.

“We really don’t care anymore about the science... we don’t care about your good intentions if you tell us you care,” said Steyer. “We want to hear about your plans. Show us the solution because we’re past caring about whether you care [or not],” said Steyer.

She said, “If someone says ‘Oh yeah the science is true, I really care,’ and they have no plan, then they don’t care. I strongly believe whoever’s running for president and is a Republican can say they care but they’re going to have no plan.”

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Feminine products not a luxury item

PANTHER HEALTH



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Everyone knows girls and women menstruate, so there is no reason to treat periods as dirty little secrets. However, society still places a taboo on this natural bodily function. This is a persisting stigma that still leaves women feeling uncomfortable discussing menstruation or even needing to go to the bathroom to “take care of business.” Luckily, a growing number of advocates, entrepreneurs and female lawmakers are challenging the taboo and putting all cards about the subject on the table.

Periods should be put squarely on the public agenda and facilities should take menstruation into consideration. One way to do so is to make tampons and pads available in every public bathroom – for free.

Currently, feminine hygiene products are largely inaccessible in the United States, despite the access to such products being a basic human right. Still, many citizens do not actually have access to these basic hygiene products.

Representative Grace Meng, a New York Democrat, stated that “menstruation is

something women cannot control,” adding that she had heard reports about homeless women not having access to basic products.

“Menstrual products should not be treated as luxury items.”

According to The Washington Post, all but five states have imposed a tax – either a regular sales tax, or gross receipts tax or luxury tax – on female sanitary products. Sanitary products are essential and an expected part of life. Anywhere you go, properly caring for your health and hygiene is not optional.

Making sure you’re covered can really add up financially and with the imposition of a “luxury tax,” the burden is only increased. However, most states don’t tax on essential items like groceries, including candy and sugary drinks.

No matter how much of a sweet tooth a person has, it’s hard to see how candy is more of an essential than feminine products.

Like people, all bathrooms should be equal. Unfortunately, they are not. All public bathrooms provide free toilet paper, soap and even seat covers, but not tampons and pads.

According to the nonprofit Free the Tampons organization, a national organization dedicated to the free access to feminine products in

restrooms, 86 percent of women aged 18 to 54 report starting their period unexpectedly in public without the supplies they need. 78 percent of women who’ve unexpectedly started their period in public without supplies, improvised with toilet paper or another makeshift fix.

Free the Tampons is fighting to influence facilities such as schools and airports to stock feminine-care products at no charge.

“I’m trying to change a social norm,” said founder Nancy Kramer. “It’s a matter of dignity. It’s humiliating to be in a situation and not have what you need.”

FIU, a university committed to keeping its students safe and healthy is one of the many schools that fail to provide women sanitary necessities free of charge. However, contraceptive methods for both men and women are available for free.

Andrea Isabel Piccardo, a sophomore majoring in International Relations and Asian Studies, thinks that both women and men need to change their views towards menstruation.

“It’s one of the most natural things in the world, just like breastfeeding, and neither men nor women should be uncomfortable about feminine hygiene”

She also addressed her thoughts on the struggle to afford everything for feminine health.

“Women having access to these things helps and benefits society as a whole and I absolutely believe they should be available to women just as condoms are handed out for free at student health centers,” Piccardo told FIU student media.

FIU should consider providing free tampon dispensers in the university bathrooms because it will help eliminate the stigma of using tampons or pads and female Panthers will have a safe, private space where they can obtain and use necessary sanitary products without embarrassment.

Discussing and exercising the right to accessible menstrual products will also put menstruation on the public agenda as an issue that is nothing to be ashamed or uncomfortable of.

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Unfinished games are leading to unsatisfied gamers

IN TRUTH



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Consumers in the gaming world are often compliant with the

underhanded practices of companies that Dr. Evil would be envious of. Videogames are being sold incomplete and many gamers are accepting it – some are even defending it.

Game development is a complicated and long process with expenses

that surpass many big Hollywood blockbusters especially in the release of the Grand Theft Auto or Call of Duty series, for example.

While games are extremely expensive to make, the prices have not gone up as they had in previous

generations to reflect the costs. So, developers try to find ways to recoup their costs with micro transactions and downloadable content (DLC).

If today, someone went to buy a new car and is then told that the A/C, radio and side mirrors would be added in at a later date, they would shoot a crazy look at the salesperson before walking away.

The most recent offender of this practice was “Street Fighter V,” which sold for full price at \$60 but featured the very barebones of its content in order to just barely be considered a game and not a demo.

Street Fighter doesn’t even have the most fundamental modes included in many fighting games since their inception into the gaming world like Arcade Mode.

The trend of incomplete games doesn’t seem to be fading anytime soon, forcing users fork up anywhere from \$20 to \$50 extra for “extra content” that the developers often don’t even completely know

what it will include.

Early Access games on Steam started another trend wherein PC developers are able to release a game while it’s still in development and charge money for it.

The idea behind early releases is that it could help fund the project while serving as a means to receive feedback from users. This allows developers to improve the playthrough experience before the full release.

While it sounds great in theory, a majority of games utilizing early access abuse the system and now console developers and publishers have dollar signs in their eyes.

It’s a crapshoot for consumers to need to wonder whether a purchase will blow up in their faces with bugs, glitches and other issues.

The average buyer who goes into a store to purchase these unfinished investments gets burnt, creating a hesitation trust the quality of future releases and hurting the industry in the long run.

“Afro Samurai 2:

Revenge of Kuma,” was a barely playable, mess of a game that ended up being pulled from stores last year. In what was a rare instance for developers, General Manager, Steve Escalante, addressed the recall of his product:

“The game was a failure. We could not do, in good conscience, volume two and volume three. So we’ve begun the process, it’s been a long process...we’re returning all the money [to customers]. So across the board we’re putting out an apology saying ‘sorry about this.’” Escalante said.

“Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain” released last September and returned critical and financial success receiving a 9/10 on Steam and 10/10 from critics at IGN. Though, the general consensus was that the game was unfinished and that the last third of “The Phantom Pain” felt like it was left on someone’s kitchen counter like a high school homework assignment.

Designer and head of the development

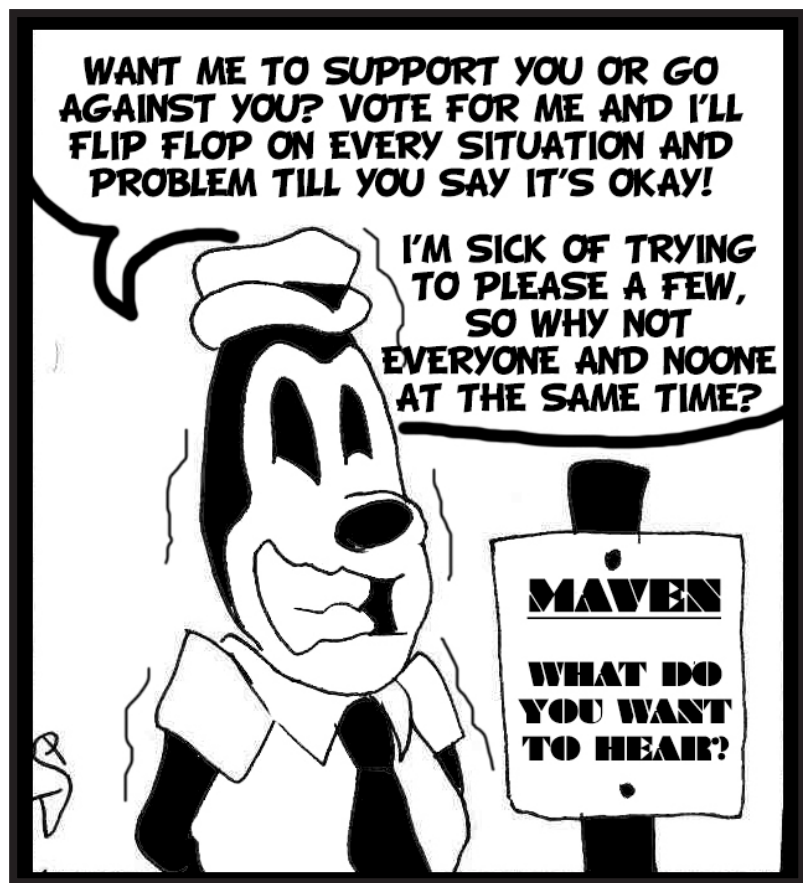
team for “The Phantom Pain,” Hideo Kojima, reserved the virtually finished cut scenes and all other assets involved in the third act in a video exclusive to the collector’s edition. Additionally, The online mode didn’t come out for over a month, only to arrive in a bad state.

10 years ago, before console game patches became so relied upon, if a developer released a product that was blatantly incomplete – that was it. Their doors typically wouldn’t be open for much longer or the company’s reputation was sullied as a result.

These practices aren’t acceptable in other industries. Gamers should expect more of the people who make their products.

In Truth is a commentary on issues that everyone has thoughts about, but doesn’t discuss. Damian Gordon is a staff writer for FIU student media. For suggestions, email Damian at damian.gordon@fiusm.com

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Black Beans are the Heart of Miami

SDA HEALTH



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Black beans offer a wealth of nutrients such as fiber, plant chemicals known as flavonoids, folate and a significant amount of protein.

Fiber is important for a variety of reasons. The USDA recommends 25-30 grams of fiber per day, but most people get only 12 grams per day.

There are two main types of fiber: soluble and insoluble.

Soluble fiber controls blood sugar, prevents the absorption of fat from the digestive tract and fuels the gut's beneficial bacteria to improve immune function.

Insoluble fiber helps you feel full longer and allows for the smooth elimination of waste. It's easy to get the fiber you need by adding black beans to your diet since a one-half cup of canned black beans contains six grams of fiber.

In addition to fiber, black beans are loaded with the B Vitamin, Folate, associated with the prevention of heart disease, neurology defects in developing babies and some forms of

cancers.

Black beans also contain seven grams of protein per serving, but it's important to understand that proteins from plant sources only provide a few of the essential amino acids.

Whether you want to go full on vegan, vegetarian or would like to add an occasional meatless meal to your menu, you'll want to pair beans with a whole grain such as brown rice. This pairing will give you all the proteins you need to stay healthy.

Aside from numerous health benefits, black beans are a source of cultural pride. From Cuba to Brazil, frijoles negros are found on the stovetops and tables of many Latin homes - making it a delicious staple in our diverse Miami community.

Students longing for the taste of home can pop over to Pollo Tropical in the Graham Center for a quick fix. If you're on a budget and strapped for time, canned black beans are available at any supermarket and can be popped into a dorm room microwave for a fast, hot meal.

For those moments when that sweet tooth just can't be satisfied, here is a recipe for Black Bean Brownies. They have all the fudgy richness

that you expect from a brownie with all the nutrients and health benefits found in black beans. Black beans will keep you performing your best for many years to come.

How to make Black Bean Brownies:

Makes 12 small bars
15 ounces canned black beans
one cup sugar
1/4 cup margarine, melted
two eggs
six tablespoons cocoa powder
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup walnuts

1. Open can of beans, emptying the can into a strainer to drain the liquid and rinse them under running water. Place beans in a food processor or blender with sugar, oil, eggs and cocoa powder. Process ingredients until smooth. If you do not have a food processor or blender, you can mash the beans in a bowl with a fork.

2. Mix the flour and the baking powder then stir into bean mixture.

3. To prepare the baking pan spread a teaspoon of oil over the inside of the pan using a paper towel (or use oil spray if preferred). Scrape the brownie



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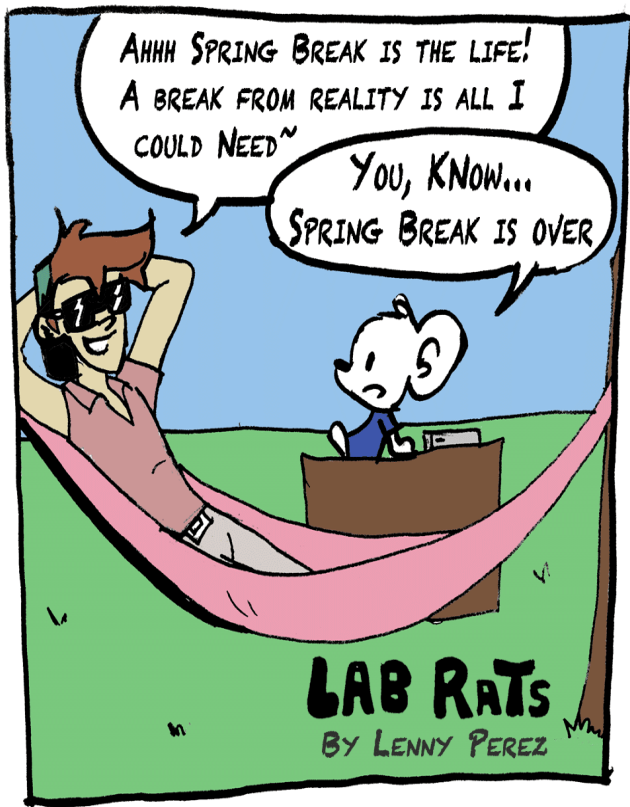
Continue performing at your best with a rich, fudgy black bean brownie with the nutrients and health benefits found in black beans.

batter into the pan and place in an oven preheated to 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 15-20 minutes, or until a toothpick tests clean. If you don't have access to a conventional oven, you can spoon the batter into several coffee mugs or a large plastic bowl and "bake" in the microwave for 30 seconds (mug) to three minutes (large bowl).

4. Let the brownies cool, refrigerated, for at least two hours before cutting. Cut the brownies as follows: four across,

three down for 12 small bars. If microwaving in mugs, there's no need to wait, dive right in.

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SPC-BBC to host the BayFest Music Festival 2016, featuring Trina and Migos

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With the grounding success and hordes of positive responses for the previous BayFest held last March, BayFest is back.

Last year at the first BayFest, the festival featured longtime rapper and Miami native, Trick Daddy, Carimi, August Alsina and Kes.

Each of the artists had a genre and a style of their own and that is what made the festival successful.

The student programming council finally revealed the name of their final

artists in a long line-up. The first artist to be revealed was Dexta Daps, famous for his fusion of reggae, pop and R&B. This was followed by the revelations of the next artists consisting of Trina, Bachamambo and J-Beatz, T-Vice and Migos.

Trina, a famous rapper from Miami, has released several successful albums. J Beatz is an up and coming producer hailing from North London. He is mostly known for coming runner up in JME's Tropical Remix Producer Competition.

Migos, a hip-hop trio based out of Atlanta and is famous for singles such as 'Versace,' 'One Time' and 'Fight

Night' to name a few. With such star studded talent, the FIU 2016 BayFest has potential to be just as a success as last years festivities.

"The reason behind bringing in such different and diverse musicians, each with a genre of their own is because of the diversity of the student population at FIU," said Tiffany Brown, one of the organizers of the BayFest.

The event is open to FIU students and non-students. The festival begins April 9 at 3 p.m. and ends Sunday, April 10.

"There will be food trucks, novelties and other activities at the backyard of our campus...our very own Biscayne Bay,"

Brown said.

There will be local artists from around Miami who will perform as well, followed by a showdown between two of Miami's hottest DJs.

"I am so excited for the festival. Since it is Saturday, I will spend the whole time on BBC with my friends as we rarely have a chance to go to [BBC]," said Bhumi Patel, a biological science major.

The tickets for the event are available at www.eventbrite.com with prices ranging from about \$12-\$33. Discounts for University students are available.

Disney gets real in latest animated feature 'Zootopia'

LIFESTYLE POINTS



JOSEPH CARDENAS

Over the weekend Walt Disney Animation rolled out its 55th animated feature film, "Zootopia" and took the world by furry storm.

Moreso, it took everyone by surprise with its deeper message: a social commentary on racial politics and the societal damages of stereotyping and how it can be used to help people climb their way to the top.

As impossible as it sounds - a cute movie about talking animals teaching kids real world faults and degradation? What? - this very fact becomes blatant within the first several minutes of the movie.

"Zootopia," in its basic form, is about a world where animals have surpassed their "savage" nature and now co-exist in different communities,

small towns of sorts.

The "big city" is the aforementioned Zootopia, where every animal exists like a big melting pot reminiscent to New York City.

Different districts and sections create the city map, such as Tundra Town and the Rainforest District; it sets up to provide any animal from big to small an opportunity to be equals.

The question is, are these animals really equals in a society where predators and prey co-exist?

Ginnifer Goodwin lends her voice to Judy Hopps, the new cop in Zootopia. Hopps receives the brunt of much of the social conflict as the first rabbit officer on the force, which is treated like a joke to everyone around.

Nevertheless, Judy lands her first missing persons case: Mr. Otterton, part of a series of missing predatory mammals cases.

Crossing paths with the hustling fox, Nick Wilde (Jason Bateman), the two uncover a shaky

conspiracy involving predators mysteriously "going savage," calling into question their biological animal natures and causing a rift in Zootopia's equilibrium.

Is it just predator nature or is there something bigger at play?

This is where we get into the heart of "Zootopia"'s commentary; is it fair to say that an entire species of animals deserve to be treated differently simply because of who they are? It almost takes you off guard from how similar their society is to ours and that's what makes it even more perfect.

It's actually the perfect timing for this movie. "#OscarsSoWhite", Beyonce's release of "Formation" and "Black Lives Matter."

The biggest thing they have in common are the backlash from people who don't understand why these movements are important for their respective communities.

We as a majority are

so quick to preach that all lives matter without understanding what the real stigma is - that it's easy to preach it when your life isn't being vilified by society.

Disney paints this very real picture and breaks it down in a way that makes sense. "Zootopia" is a lesson on social issues that came out of left field, but doesn't take itself seriously whatsoever.

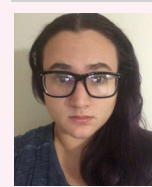
"Zootopia" currently holds a 98 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, the highest score for any Disney animated feature of recent years, and has beaten "Frozen" for Disney Animation's biggest opening weekend.

It's a fantastic film and even better message to tell kids while they're still young enough to absorb these important discussions. This is definitely a Disney classic destined to stand the test of time.

LifeStyle points is a column covering films and pop culture by Joseph Cardenas. For suggestions and comments email joseph.cardenas@fiu.edu

3 Doors Down releases first album in five years

UNGODLY REVIEWS



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Five studio albums, four extended EPs, twenty-three singles, one video album and one compilation album, including albums that have peaked in the top 10 on Billboard 200 and won them three Grammy awards is an incredible resume for US rock band 3 Doors Down.

Now, the five-man ensemble is ready to drop their sixth full-length studio album, "Us and the Night." This album will be the first studio album since the band's 2011 album "Time of My Life."

"Us and the Night" was recorded by the group at Rivergate Studios in Nashville, Tennessee with producer Matt Wallace's guiding hand. Wallace has also worked with the very well-known Maroon 5 and Train, so quality is assured.

One single off the album, available for download to individuals who pre-order the album, 'In The Dark,' shows a completely different side of 3 Doors Down compared to their last release.

Powerful guitar riffs compliment a striking, sensual chant that reveals a whole new

swagger that 3 Doors Down has acquired over the last five years.

The album will consist of 11 tracks and was released March 11 through Republic Records.

Fans should expect a very busy year from the rock ensemble. With upcoming performances at northern Florida's very own music festivals Welcome to Rockville and Fort Rock, as well as Carolina Rebellion, a headlining tour soon to be announced and a new album, the band has truly come back with a vengeance.

However, if Florida fans don't see waiting until the end of April for Welcome to Rockville and Fort Rock as an option, 3 Doors Down will be playing on March 20, at Moe's Southwest Grill in Orlando.

"Us and the Night" definitely appears to be a promising album, the band's official website claiming that, "It nods to the spirit of their breakout debut with seasoned songwriting and the biggest and boldest songs of their 16-year career to date."

With such grand promises, veteran and new fans have understandably high expectations that will hopefully be granted.

Ungodly Reviews is a column covering albums, artist and concerts. For suggestions contact Nadine at nadine.rodriguez@fiusm.com

Motivate yourself to be the change

MONDAY MOTIVATION



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We all have low points in our lives and in those times we discover who we really are. A few years ago I was overweight, not motivated to change and suffered from a case of laziness. All it took was one decision to change my life around. The source of all this was my

nephew, Adiyat.

He motivated me to become a better version of myself in order to be the perfect role model for him. When I realized what a positive impact health and fitness made on my life, I took an oath to change myself and to make an impact on the lives of others.

In order to solve a problem, first you need to identify what the problem is. Once that is done then you can utilize resources to fix the

issue. In America people don't realize being unhealthy and unfit is a major problem. According to American Medical Association more than 78.6 million adults are obese. That is one-third of our adult population! Obesity causes several illness that include heart disease, stroke and type-2 diabetes.

No matter where you dine, the plates are enormous. The soda drinks we get at restaurants and especially at movie theater are giant

in size. In the United Kingdom, they are in the process of proposing a law that will ban the selling of sugary drinks more than 16 ounces in size, the smallest size in America.

It's good to watch your impact calorie count for the day. There are many drinks you will see that contain zero calories and zero sugar. A healthy homemade smoothie will have 200 to 400 calories with 10 to 20 grams of sugar. Do you really think the zero calorie

drink is better than a natural fruit smoothie? Do not confuse your diet with nutrition. You can have zero calorie, zero sugar and zero carbohydrates products all day but you are probably just consuming chemicals.

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BEACH VOLLEYBALL

University clinches first CCSA victory

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After losing to the Louisiana State University Tigers in its previous event, the University beach volleyball team traveled to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Saturday, March 12, and Sunday, March 13 for a rematch.

However, the Panthers had to wait until the second day of the Tiger Beach Challenge to get their hands on the Tigers. On the first day, Saturday, March 12, the team faced off against the University of New Orleans and No. 10 ranked Georgia State University.

In the FIU Fort Lauderdale Beach Invitational, the Panthers defeated New Orleans 5-0. The outcome this time around was exactly the same as they swept the Privateers once again.

The team did not drop a set and was led by its No. 1 duo of junior Aren Cupp and graduate student Martyna Gluchowicz. At the No. 5 spot, senior Gloria Levorin and freshman Katie Friesen made their collegiate debuts winning 21-13, 21-12.

The Panthers later squared off against their first ranked opponent of the season. The Panthers of Georgia State, a CCSA conference foe, pounced early with a 3-0 advantage, already having clinched the match before losing to FIU's No. 5 duo, sophomore, Natalie Giron and redshirt sophomore, Savannah Davis, for their only defeat of the match.

Although losing 4-1, FIU kept the match close. At the No. 3 spot, junior, Anabela Sataric, and sophomore, Kari Peterson, forced a third set. Graduate student, Tina Toghiyani, and junior, Estefanie Bethancourt, also forced a third set at the No. 4 position.

The Panthers dropped their second match of the

season, only one away from matching last year's total (20-3).

On Sunday, the team competed against LSU and the University of Louisiana at Monroe. The Panthers got what they wanted, a 3-2 victory against the Tigers.

The team got its first two wins as its No. 4 duo, Toghiyani and Bethancourt, and No. 5 duo, Davis and Giron, handled their opponents.

After the No. 2 slot Sataric and Friesen and No. 3 slot Dominique Dodd and Katie Hogan fell, the No. 1 duo was the deciding factor.

Cupp and Gluchowicz went the distance, as they defeated the Tigers in three sets, 21-12, 15-21, and 15-9. Not only did the Panthers win the rematch, this victory marked the first CCSA win in program history. Also, Toghiyani's 42nd dual victory moved her in sole possession of first place in the program's all-time dual victories list, passing Maryna Samoday.

The Panthers continued with their winning ways in the Sunday match against ULM, downing the Warhawks 4-1. The No. 1, Cupp and Gluchowicz, No. 2, Peterson and Dodd, No. 4, Toghiyani and Bethancourt, and No. 5, Davis and Giron, duos all took care of business.

Davis and Giron improve to 7-0 together and remain the team's only undefeated duo in all seven duals.

The Panthers will be competing in their most difficult event of the entire season, as they participate in the Stetson Beach Invitational Friday, March 25, and Saturday, March 26.

The team competed against No. 3, University of California at Los Angeles, and No. 4, Florida State University, Friday, March 18. The Panthers took on No. 8, Stetson University, and No. 5, University of Hawaii.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

FIU invited to swimming and diving NCAA zone B diving championships

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While most students were spending spring break poolside for leisure, the swimming and diving team was poolside with one goal in mind: bringing home gold medals.

Sophomore Rebecca Quesnel and junior Lily Kauffman, two of the most nationally represented Panthers, continued their recent string of successes at the NCAA Zone B Diving competition held at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center in Atlanta.

Quesnel also placed 33rd with a score of 233.30 in six dives in the Preliminaries/Quarterfinals of the C-USA Women's 1 Meter Championships. After placing 13th in the Women's Platform Preliminaries, she earned a spot in the Platform Finals.

She solidified her position in the NCAA Championships after earning fifth place in the finals with a score of 523.50 in five dives. This feat earned her position as the first diver in FIU's history to reach the NCAA Championships.

Following her dominant performance, Quesnel was named C-USA Diver of the Meet. She entered the NCAA Championship hopeful after setting two personal best times, five C-USA Diver of the Week awards and setting the University's record score of 299.80 in addition to her aforementioned accomplishments at the C-USA Championships.

As for Kauffman, she placed 38th in the Women's 3 Meter Championship Preliminaries with a score of 234.75 in six dives. She followed this up with 23rd place in the Women's Platform Preliminaries with a score of 208.05 in five dives, the same competition where Quesnel placed 13th.

Quesnel joined Naomi Ruele at the NCAA Championship. Ruele enters the NCAA Championship following her strong performance at the C-USA Swimming Championship. She placed first in each event she participated in, earning seven gold medals from the conference championship.

Ruele was also named the C-USA Swimmer of the Meet during the Championships, following two record-setting performances in the 100 Meter Freestyle Relay and the 200 Meter Freestyle Relay.

The redshirt freshman was invited to the NCAA Championships after setting the C-USA Championships record with 22.23 second time during her performance in the 50 freestyle event. Her time is also tied for the 27th fastest in the nation.

Prior to the NCAA events, Head Coach Randy Horner had high expectations for Quesnel.

"Becca fought back after missing a few dives in the prelims. She is a legit threat to contend at the NCAA's next week if she can put all her dives together in one list," said Horner to FIU Sports.

During the NCAA Championships, which took place March 16-19, both Quesnel and Ruele were eliminated from the competition during preliminaries.

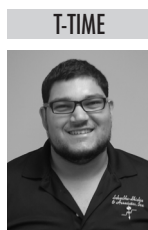
Quesnel placed last in both the 1 Meter and 3 Meter Diving competitions, keeping her from moving on to the Finals. At press time, the Platform Diving event hadn't taken place, but Quesnel is expected to finish last.

Ruele tied for 41st place in the 50 yard freestyle, the only event the Botswana native was invited to compete in.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers look to forget the past and rebound for the next season



GIANCARLO NAVAS

T-TIME

As the final buzzer rang in the 76-44 defeat at the hands of Marshall, a season of misery and controversy finally closed for the FIU women's basketball team.

Nothing went right all season for this team, after a season opening win FIU stumbled the rest of the way, finishing with a 5-26 record. The worst in Conference USA and one of the worst years in the history of the program.

Losing ways

Despite FIU only managing five wins this season it was shockingly an improvement from last season. Let that sink in, a 5-26 record is an improvement. Yikes. FIU went 3-26 the season before and was 0-18 in conference play, they failed to qualify for the Conference USA tournament.

Before FIU's home opener for the 2015-2016 season, the FIU women's basketball team had failed to win a game in the year 2015.

Last season also featured another lowlight, which was a 14 game losing streak, which was finally broken at home vs the University of Birmingham Alabama in early February. That marked FIU's first conference win since 2014. Almost

two calendar years prior.

Conference Tournament run

Despite the festering turd that was FIU's season, they managed to pull off an upset win over the 11 seed UTSA in the Conference USA tournament.

To keep FIU's season alive Taylor Shade had one her best games of season, scoring 22 points, including the go-ahead layups very late in the game.

Freshman Kristen Hudson also had her Steph Curry moment of the season, making a step-back contested three to tie the game with under two minutes to play. The game felt like a passing of the torch as it would be the last game FIU would win after falling to Marshall two days later, because senior Taylor Shade and freshman Kristen Hudson both had huge games.

The two were FIU leading scorers in that game and were clearly the two best players for the Panthers that game. As Shade won't be playing collegiate basketball anymore, Hudson will have to lead the team for the next few years.

Marlin Chinn's scandal

The losing wasn't even the worst part, now former FIU Head Coach Marlin Chinn was accused of not only committing NCAA violations, but also pursuing a sexual relation with team captain Destini Feagin.

According to David Neal of the Miami Herald, Chinn told Feagin that he has "sexual fantasies about" her among other creepier things. It is to be noted that the University has since "relieved" Chinn due to committing an NCAA violation and not for the alleged sexual harassment of Destini Feagin. Chinn gave Feagin \$600 to pay a debt on her FIU account, which is a violation of NCAA rules.

Going Forward

Another rebuilt yet again, after Cindy Russo's retirement it appeared FIU had a leader going forward coming from a successful program in Maryland. This summer was set to be his first recruiting tour and a step in a new direction.

Now, FIU is a program who exiled a disgraced figure and is again in a sports purgatory. No coach in place and no idea what's next. Their best player is graduation after improvements each year and there is no one in place to succeed her.

Hudson is still too green and the rest have had shaky seasons. Expect a few more seasons in the gutter before things can reasonably get better.

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SOFTBALL

Panthers sweep first Conference USA matchup

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The FIU softball team got back to their winning ways with a three game sweep on the Charlotte 49ers, Saturday, March 12, and Sunday, March 13. This stretch of games came after the Panthers went 1-2 in their mid-week battles.

FIU picked up a satisfying victory Tuesday, March 8, against East Carolina. The following day, the Panthers found themselves facing the nationally ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

The Fighting Irish came into Felsberg Field for a double header against the Panthers. In the first game of the weekend, FIU was completely annihilated with a final score of 17-8. Notre Dame capitalized off their 11 unearned runs, which came as a result of eight FIU errors for the night.

Rachel Dwyer led the pack in the first game, only allowing three hits in 3.0

innings pitched, also picking up a strikeout. However, the rest of the rotation struggled. Abby Summers took the loss, while her and Hunter Schaarf combined to award the opposition 15 runs in their combined four innings pitched.

The bright note for the Panthers came on the offensive end as they matched Notre Dame's 15 hits with 15 of their own, and scoring eight runs against a top tier defensive powerhouse.

The Fighting Irish were able to leave Miami with two wins in one night, winning the second game of the double-header 6-3. Corrine Jenkins dropped to 2-4 with the loss, allowing 11 hits and six runs in a complete game.

FIU had no time to dwell, the weekend brought upon their first series against a Conference-USA opponent. Last season, FIU would end up with a fair overall record, but their conference woes left them out of the tournament, which was hosted in Miami.

The series started off with a doubleheader

Saturday as Charlotte came into FIU in the receiving votes category of the USA Today Coaches Poll.

Jenkins pitched yet another complete game, picking up her third win of the season (3-4) in a 2-1 nail biter. She only allowed four hits and had six strikeouts in the contest. Jackie Schof led the Panther batting going 2-4 with an RBI.

Megan Kugelmann, the spectacular freshman, stole the pitching show once again on the mound in the second game of the double header. Kugelmann (5-1) tossed her fifth shutout in five starts in the 8-0 win.

She also set a new career high seven strikeouts, while allowing just two runs in the game. The Panthers used a pair of homeruns to end the game with the run-rule in the fifth inning.

Dani Mowry went 2-2 with two RBI in the game, while Erin Eiland had three RBI's of her own. The Panther scored in each of the final three innings of the game after being held silent in the beginning of the match.

In the first day of conference play, the Panthers had a combined 10 runs on 15 hits. The Charlotte 49ers had the second lowest ERA (1.93) allowed and batting average (.200) in the league prior to their double-header.

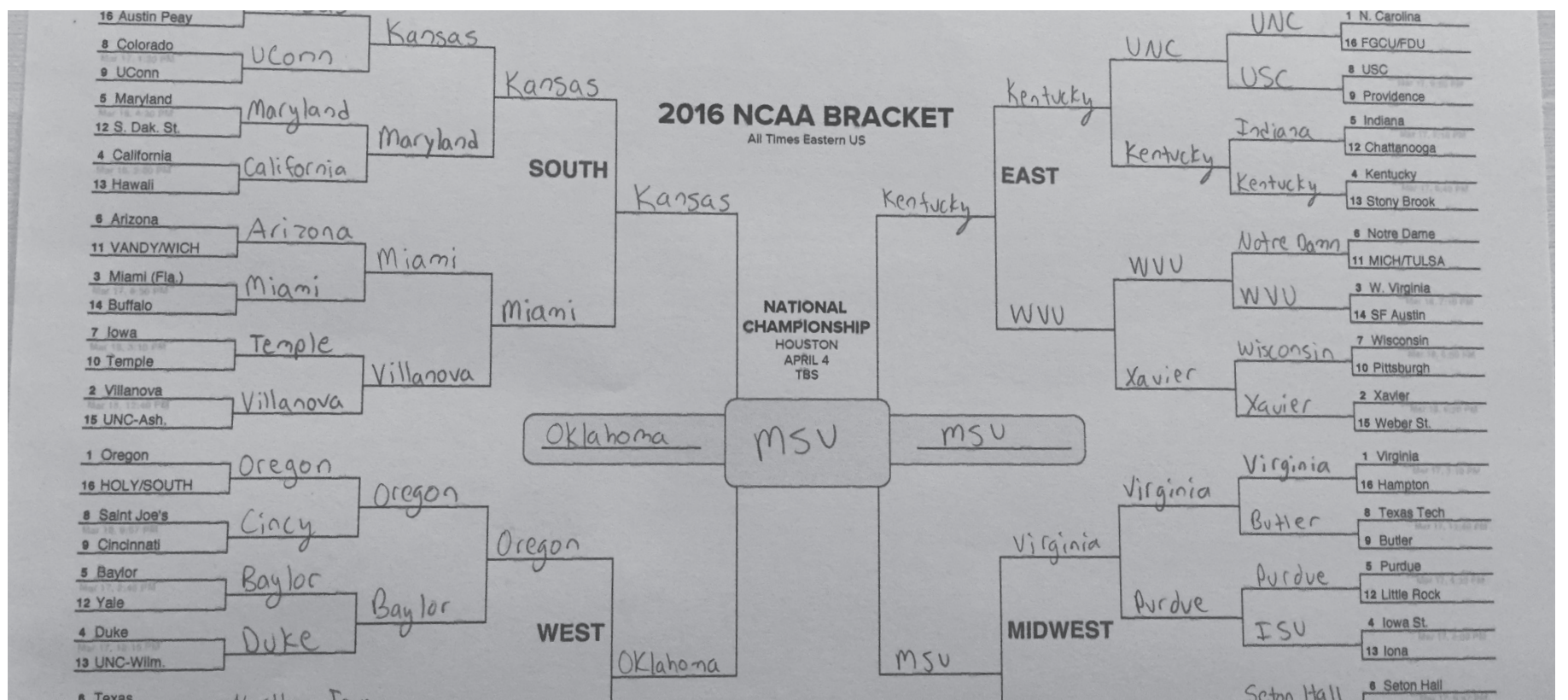
FIU looked for a sweep on the ensuing day, as a noon matchup was prepared for the two teams. After a rough start to the season, Jenkins picked up her fourth win (4-4) as she makes her way back up to the .500 mark on her games this season. FIU improved to 17-10 (3-0 C-USA) after a 4-2 win.

Kugelmann picked up her first save of the season, and A.J Belans crushed two out of Felsberg field. It was the second time this season Belans had a game with multiple home runs, the last one being against Holy Cross in February.

The sweep for the Panthers is the first sweep that FIU picked up against a Conference USA opponent since April 2014, when they swept North Texas in three games.

NCAA BASKETBALL

METHOD TO THE MADNESS



STEFANO RIVERA /THE BEACON

Stefano Rivera, sports writer, shares his 2016 NCAA bracket

Ballin': 2016 NCAA March Madness predictions

G-MADNESS



GARRET EPPERSON

It's March ladies and gentlemen and the basketball madness has officially begun. With the conference tournaments just wrapping up this past weekend, there's already been a surplus of drama with impossible shots, buzzer beaters and even game winners.

University of Connecticut

Going into the American Athletic Conference Tournament, the Huskies were actually on the outside looking in at the field of 68. A matchup versus Cincinnati gave University of Connecticut the opportunity to make a statement and they sure did.

Down three in the third overtime of the game, Jalen Adams hoisted a shot from almost full court to tie the game. The momentum carried the Huskies through the

fourth overtime and to eventually win the AAC tourney, earning an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.

With head coach Kevin Ollie, a compliment of scoring guards, and a 7-foot rim protector, expect them to be a tough out in this tournament.

University of Kentucky

As always, coach John Calipari has a team with an abundance of talent and size that looks like it's capable of making a deep run.

Led by sophomore point guard Tyler Ulis, this team has the ability to go as far as the Final Four. The Wildcats have a rotation of four big men that all move well on both the offensive and defensive end, which proved to be useful just last weekend winning the Southeastern Conference tournament.

But the most intriguing prospect is Shooting Guard Jamaal Murray. This athletic Canadian Freshman can absolutely

fill it up on the offensive end of the floor. Expect them to cause some trouble in the NAAs.

University of Virginia

Although they may not be the most entertaining team to watch as they rank as the slowest team in the division one college basketball, they are among the most efficient teams both offensive and defensively. Coach Tony Bennett has a full complement of seniors led by Malcolm Brogdon who will not produce any lottery picks in the NBA, but certainly understand the game at the highest level and play the game the right way sharing the basketball.

I watched them play live versus University of Miami in a game they about a month ago, but I was thoroughly impressed. They are a battle tested team with leadership all over the place, so I don't expect them to go quietly into the night.

University of Miami

The hometown Hurricanes have had an outstanding year with their veteran transfers combined with underclassman talent.

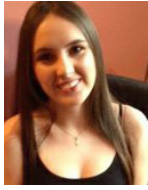
Although we finished second in the league and third in the conference journey, Head Coach Jim Larranaga seems to always prepare well for a deep tournament runs.

This Miami team has a lot more talent than the George Mason team that Larranaga took to the Final Four 10 years ago. The Canes have played a difficult non conference schedule and have wins over teams in conference teams such as Duke, University of Virginia, Notre Dame, University of Pittsburgh and Syracuse who are all in this tournament.

G-Madness is a weekly college basketball column on the NCAA basketball tournament. For commentary and suggestions email Garret Epperson at sports@fiusm.com.

Wellness and Recreation Center offers trips with Adventure Recreations Program

M TALK



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There is no doubt that students are proud of calling themselves FIU Panthers with the amount of achievements FIU has under its name.

Being one of the 10 largest public universities in Florida, ranking 17th among the top universities in the country by Washington Monthly and being the operators of The Aquarius Reef Base, the only underwater ocean laboratory in the world, are just a few of these accolades.

The fact that our university is located in Miami, one of Touropia.com's top 25 places to visit in the USA, is just another plus to add to our university's resume.

While you may currently be suffering from a post-Spring Break "Wish I Was Still On Vacation" mindset, attending a university that is located in one of the busiest cities in the country means that even though school is back in session you

can still have some serious R&R.

We have an almost 24/7 "Sun 'n' Fun" climate, a luxury that students who attend other universities might not have.

Now that the warm rays are returning, FIU is taking advantage of Miami's natural attractions and is offering its students a chance to get out, get active and have fun under the sun through its Adventure Recreation Trips Program.

According to FIU's Student Affairs website, the Adventure Recreation Trips program is "designed to get you and maybe even friends, outdoors to experience recreation opportunities available in parts of Florida and the Southeastern U.S."

The program is open to FIU students, Wellness & Recreation Center members and non-FIU affiliated non-WRC members.

WRC has coordinated a variety of different trips for the spring semester.

If you weren't able to attend the University's annual February Ski and Snowboarding trip to

Gatlinburg, Tennessee you still have an opportunity to attend its next two trips.

Saturday, March 26, WRC will be taking students on a full day

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excursion to snorkel off the coast of Key Largo for just \$35.

This trip will give students a chance to see one of the most delicate and important ecosystems in the world: the coral reefs.

Transportation will be included in the registration price and if you would like to bring someone who

isn't an FIU student with you, they can attend for \$40. Interested participants can register at the WRC Membership Desk and cash, credit card and the FIU One Card will be accepted as payment.

Registration will be open until Wednesday, March 23 but space is limited as a maximum of only 20 participants will be able to attend the trip.

If snorkeling under the sea with Ariel and her friends isn't your cup of tea, the program is also sponsoring a bike trip to Shark Valley, located in Everglades National Park.

The trip to Shark Valley is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 and registration will be open until Wednesday, April 13.

Tickets and transportation will be included for the price of \$35 for FIU students and \$40 for non-FIU students.

This is a great chance for students who have never visited the Everglades to get up close and personal with this diverse fauna and flora ecosystem especially since

Shark Valley is considered to be in the heart of the "True Everglades" as labeled by the National Park Service website.

While these are local trips, they're still a fun and unique activity to participate in, even for Panthers who have lived in Miami all their lives.

These trips not only give you a chance to explore two of the most endangered and important ecosystems in the world but it's a different way to be active.

So, start working on your summer tan and gain an extra little something to post on Instagram.

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