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FRIDAY JAM SESSION



MARTINA BRETOS/PANTHER PRESS

Group of students gather to play music for passing students at the Green Library Breezeway, as part of a class project on Friday, March 24, 2017.

Torch Awards Gala celebrates alumni

MARTINA BRETOS
News Director

The University's best of the best graduates will be honored at this year's 16th annual Torch Awards Gala, the University's premier event, according to Duane Wiles, associate vice president and executive director of the FIU Alumni Association.

"It's very important that we host events like this or recognize our graduates because they're out there doing work that's either transforming their particular industry ... or contributing in a very meaningful way in their community through hiring people, our grads, our students," said Wiles.

Chad Moss, this year's "Alumnus of the Year," has been tremendous, Wiles says, in supporting the University financially and by hiring University graduates.

"He's the director of Handy, which is a Broward County non-profit that

provides more than 1,300 at-risk children with comprehensive programs focusing on education, youth development, economic self-sufficiency," said Wiles. "He's also been named 'Handy Hero' so he's a giver in many aspects of his life."

To be recognized as alumnus of the year, graduates must have already been a Torch Award recipient, which has two classifications. The first is professional achievement, which includes the young alumni visionary, community leadership and outstanding faculty awards.

The second is the distinguished alumni category, whose honorees are chosen by deans, development officers and presidents in colleges and schools at the institution. The gala, which will take place on Saturday, April 1, will honor 18 graduates in varying stages of their

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FIU to host training forum on cybersecurity

MEYER GRUNBERG
Contributing Writer

As part of a larger initiative to increase awareness of cybersecurity threats, FIU's Gordon Institute of Public Policy, the FIU College of Business, Organization of American States and FIU in DC have partnered to coordinate a cybersecurity training forum in Washington D.C.

The forum, held on April 6 and 7, will address cyber threats, how to mitigate them strategically and implement those strategies into organizational structures.

"These are short, intense programming that hits on key topics and includes experiential learning, lectures [and] readings that participants can build on when the program ends," said Brian Fonseca, director of the Gordon Institute for Public Policy.

The curriculum seeks to develop a program that focuses on bridging the seams between leadership and the information security professionals.

"[The plan is to question] how important is data in your organization, how are authorities structured [to defend the data], and [are there] policies in place

that protect data from being compromised for the sake of the company," said Fonseca.

Being that we are living in an ever increasing digital world, doing something as simple as password-protecting phones and computers could go a long way to securing key data, Fonseca said. By not doing so, he says, it can jeopardizes the security and integrity of an organization.

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Gordon Institute of Public Policy

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BISCAYNE BAY

'Wolfe Day' to honor University's third president

DOUGLASS GAVILAN
Staff Writer

The Biscayne Bay campus will be hosting its annual "Wolfe Day" event where students can learn more about the history of the University's third president, while also enjoying medieval-style food and entertainment.

"I feel that students these days have no idea who [Gregory] Wolfe was," said Jennifer Cooper, assistant director for Team Ropes Adventure Challenge. "A lot of students come into WUC and always ask about who he is and what exactly makes him so special to BBC so this was done in the intent of honoring him and spreading knowledge of him."

Gregory Wolfe, FIU's president from 1979 till 1986, changed the University to a four-year institution and added three new schools: journalism and mass communication, nursing and engineering. He also installed a library, student

housing, student center and aquatic center at the BBC and taught international relations after his presidency. Eventually, the student center at BBC would be named after him.

The very first Wolfe Day was in 2015 and went along with the ribbon cutting of the renovated Panther Square and Panther Plaza area in the Wolfe University Center. The event is always themed, says Cooper.

Last year's event celebrated the 2016 Summer Olympics and this year, the festivities are named the "Game of Wolfe" after the hit HBO series, "Game of Thrones."

"We have a lot of activities planned," said Cooper. "In going with this year's theme, we're going to have panther square styled out to look like a renaissance festival. There will be food themed around that and medieval themed entertainment going on — of these, we will have swordsmen and a

falconer doing shows. There will be constant food and entertainment throughout the three hours."

The event, which will be attended by The Department of Student Life and the Wellness and Recreation Center, will also feature games, trivia and a video detailing the impact the former president had on the Biscayne Bay Campus and the University overall.

One of the highlights of the event will be the costume contest, which is for both students and departments, and prizes will be given out to the person with the best costume, according to Cooper.

"I really enjoy the idea of 'Game of Wolfe,'" said Amy Lacayo, junior hospitality major. "I walk inside WUC every day that I have school and I never really thought about who Gregory Wolfe was. Plus, I can never say 'no' when the school is

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

At least 4 killed, 40 injured in attack outside British Parliament

A lone assailant struck at the heart of London on Wednesday, mowing down pedestrians with a car and then fatally stabbing a police officer outside Britain's Houses of Parliament in an apparent terrorist attack that took place on the anniversary of twin bombings in Brussels.

Five people were reported dead in the attack, including the police officer and the assailant, and at least 40 were injured. Tobias Ellwood, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office minister, had administered CPR to the officer as he lay on the sidewalk, but it was ultimately not enough.

US military investigates whether its Mosul airstrike killed dozens of civilians

The U.S. military is investigating whether it was responsible for a bombing raid in the Iraqi city of Mosul that killed scores of civilians, making it the most deadly among Iraqi residents since the battle against the militant group Islamic State began more than two years ago.

Col. Joseph Scrocca, a U.S. spokesman based in Baghdad, said officials are examining multiple allegations placing a strike in the area sometime between March 17 and 23.

U.S. officials, who weren't authorized to speak publicly about the ongoing investigation, said initial indications are that a fuel truck may have been inadvertently hit, causing a massive explosion.

Pakistan holds its first census in 19 years, but not everyone is ready to be counted

Like many countries, Pakistan allocates federal resources to its provinces and administrative regions based on population.

Trouble is, Pakistan's last census took place nearly two decades ago, and insecurity and political wrangling have stalled efforts to carry out a fresh head count.

This month Pakistan launched a national census for the first time in 19 years, deploying 200,000 soldiers alongside 118,000 civilian enumerators in an effort to count and compile demographic data on every person.

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Alumni: the 'bread and butter of any institution'

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professional careers.

"The primary goal of this event is to celebrate and recognize our alumni who are doing some extraordinary things in the community and within their profession..." said Wiles. "The secondary goal is whatever net proceeds we have — because we're not here to just make money — we give that back to First Gen and also, to help us build an alumni center."

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Director
FIU Alumni Association

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Fifty percents of the profits collected at the event will go to the First Generation scholarship fund, which gets matched by the state, and the other half will go into the construction of an alumni center on campus, which Wiles hopes will break ground in 24 to 30

months.

"We want this to be a place our graduates ... can call their second home," said Wiles. "Also, this will be a multi-use facility; not just for our graduates, but also for faculty and staff."

It's often difficult for alumni to find event and meeting spaces on campus, Wiles says, so the center would allow for networking receptions, meetings, and study spaces for students. It will also have an area where alumni can be featured and celebrated.

"As you walk around campus, both campuses, you'll notice we don't really have a place where you can actually explore the history of the institution and that will be on the first floor of the alumni center, where you can take a look at the history of the institution and look through the decades," Wiles said.

He adds that the center is also a great way to reconnect University alumni back to the institution.

"Ultimately ... we want our alumni to feel proud about the University and to give back to the institution," he said. "When I say 'give back,' we're talking about them giving their time, talent and treasure."

That encompasses speaking engagements with students, mentorships, internship opportunities, workshops and training. In addition to that, Wiles says it's important for alumni to give back financially.

"If they could give a \$10 gift then, that could go a long way in ways of supporting the institution, whether it's through student scholarships, a program, facilities — you name it," he said. "Alumni are the bread and butter of any institution so this is nothing new. Your prominent institutions always do a good job in engaging its alumni base."

For more information on the event, visit torchawards.fiu.edu.

Inefficient cybersecurity akin to 'no security system for your home'

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don't put passwords, and that tells you the vulnerability of company data," Fonseca said.

Junior Abraham Saiovici, computer science with focus on software engineering, says inefficient cybersecurity is akin to having no security system for your home.

"An often looked over aspect of cybersecurity is the physical security component of social engineering since there are actual humans in contact with the data that have access from the inside out and have the ability to alter at their will," he said.

In order to spread awareness for the event on April 6, FIUinDC correspondent, Larissa Ramos,

helped develop a marketing plan to promote the course in D.C., manage the design, and identify strategic partners and funders.

"In collaboration with the Organization of American States, FIUinDC secured the support of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to co-market the program and of the Ryder foundation as a sponsor of 10 scholarships for FIU women leaders interested in the course," said Ramos.

Ramos believes that by attending the event, professionals will receive holistic training in cybersecurity strategy and leadership that goes beyond the technical, but also deals with the operational and managerial practices and the policies needed to sustainably protect an organization

from cyber attacks.

Other key partners in behind the event were Verizon Communications, Microsoft and United Data technologies and New America Think Tank.

"Participants will walk away with a better understanding of the gamut of knowledge required to protect their organization," said Fonseca.

Students interested in attending a similar event in the area, "Cybersecurity Strategy and Leadership" course will be offered in Miami on October 17-18. Registrations for the April 6-7 course close by March 31.

Students can also register online at <https://business.fiu.edu>.

Wolfe Day brings 'new tone' to FIU

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offering free things."

Before coming to the University, Wolfe was a veteran of the Second World war. He also worked for the U.S. State Department and was part of the white house staff under former presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

"Greg brought a

whole new tone to the university. He looked like a movie star," said former University administrator and professor, Tom Riley to the Miami Herald. "He had the charisma of John Kennedy and he was very bright. When he arrived, there were great feelings of expectation of what he would do for the school."

Wolfe, who died in

December of 2015 at his Sunny Isle Beach home at the age of 93, was fluent in Spanish, French, German and Portuguese. He also attended a law and diplomacy school in Massachusetts where he gained his Ph.D and became president of Portland State University in Oregon.

The event is set to be

held on March 30 in the Wolfe University Center from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Students who may be interested the event can learn more from the division of student affairs office located in WUC 325 or by visiting their website at studentaffairs.fiu.edu

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Travel made easy for the college student

WHAT'S UP FIU?



LAQUAVIA SMITH

The end to spring break doesn't spell the end of traveling. Take my word as an amateur-“professional” student traveler: the best trips are hidden treasures.

I am 22 and before November 2016, I had never stepped foot out of North Carolina. But, I've recently found my life calling and now go on at least one trip every three months. My snapchat geotags have ranged from “downtown LA,” “Midtown,” “Atlanta” and even “Wall Street District.”

As a frugal girl, I'm here to give you the do's and the don'ts, the go-to's and every single tip in the book when it comes to traveling on a budget.

First things first, you need to know where you want to go. To jumpstart a traveling spree, try searching countries, cities and landmarks ideal to your age range.

One thing that helped push my own journey forward was googling, “Where to travel in your 20s.” These lists will usually include Las Vegas, San Francisco, Thailand and even Costa Rica. Once you know where you want to go, it's time to figure out when.

The second tip is to travel off-season and go through a list of travel times. Use keywords such as “cheap flights,” “best time” and “cheapest time,” on different search engines to find your destination's off-season.

Traveling can get expensive, but buying a \$100 round trip flight versus a \$500 round way trip to New York makes a huge difference. Once you've scrolled across your ideal time of travel, it's time to plan.

Planning is key, and as cliché as it sounds, it's important to break it up into three categories: where to go, how much to save, and when to buy.

First and foremost, you need to know where to go. Los Angeles is the destination, not the activity. Planning how you spend your time is essential.

Try searching, “hot spots in LA” or if you're a foodie like me, “best restaurants in Los Angeles.”

Setting yourself up with a list of places to eat, drink, party and sightsee

“ Los Angeles is the destination, not the activity.”

” will save time and money. If you're not too Microsoft Word savvy, tools such as Inspirock.com are available to “create a fully customized day-by-day itinerary for free.”

You also need to know how much to save. Traveling on a budget is one of the most fundamental aspects of traveling. The trick to booking a hotel is going through a third-party. My favorite hotel search engines include Booking.com, Hotels.com, and

Kayak.com.

You can filter your search by price, hotel stars and even distance. One way to save money is by booking a hotel that is less than eight miles from the airport. This will not only save you time, but money on Uber costs. Some hotels also offer free airport shuttles. Aside from your hotel, calculate how much you would like to spend on tourist attractions, souvenirs and eating out.

As a full-time student and a full-time employee, money is something I like to hold on to. To plan a trip, I ensure at least a month in advance of money is set aside. Try utilizing a budget calendar and/or tracking sheet. After picking your hotel and managing your budget, try searching for perks.

When I went to New York for the first time, I stayed in the Courtyard Marriot near The World Trade Center, which was \$100 less a night, compare to Manhattan and Soho.

Also, ask the front desk if they have any complimentary cards and/or coupons to eateries or tourist

attractions. The Courtyard Marriot, for example, provided me complimentary “bar bites” at Morton's Steakhouse.

Third, you need to know when to buy. Buying flights over the years has changed drastically, from airfare to airline perks, and unfortunately, many of the amenities that were once accompanied with your seat are no longer offered.

So go for budget airlines like Frontier and Spirit and choose a personal item (included with seat) rather than a carry-on or a checked bag (+\$35>.) I recommend studentuniverse.com, the Hopper app and skyscanner.com.

They are my go-to search engines for any and every flight. Hopper predicts what time is best to buy—price wise and delay wise—and best of all, it notifies your phone when there is a drop or rise in pricing.

So, happy travels!

Laquavia Smith is a staff writer for Panther Press. Her column, What's Up FIU, is a commentary on the latest style and entertainment news.

Love is a 'state of existence'

A IS FOR ANTI



AKILAH DAVIS

The media portrays relationships to be something from fairytales.

Men, who are willing to do anything and everything to express his undying love for her, and women,

who are so innocent, so dainty and so beautiful.

What society fails to tell us is that relationships are entities. They move and grow, shrink and absorb, release and everything else. To be “in love,” is a state of existence.

It's when two people come together and create their own world with themselves as the sole occupants. It means they now have to learn how to coexist with one another, and tear down whatever boundaries they each have in order to be able to explore one another, in growth and in unity.

Why must society take this incomparable luxury, make it a thing of entertainment and then capitalize it?

In truth, it's no one's business, but God's and their own.

Society likes to identify the problems or controversies within these romantic unions and highlight them. However, some may think that society enjoys your relationship if it's problematic.

I on the other hand think society exploits and intrudes more if your coupling seems ideal, enchanting and maybe even perfect.

Society makes us chase these fairytales. Society believes in fairytales so strongly that it makes a public scandal of the couples who have failed to reach their impossible standards. Those who can't be the fairytale are ridiculed.

And those of us, like myself, who wrote our own fairytales, whether it's because we prefer solitude, or we haven't found our lifetime partner

yet, or we're running from true love altogether, become the lepers. Society makes us feel “un-normal” because we're single and unwanted.

If everyone is coupled then am I no one? I'm not sure. But I will say this: I've loved.

I've loved deeper than any ocean, brighter than any sunlight, and heavier than any thundercloud. Only my love wasn't matched. That doesn't make me bitter, or undesirable or lonely.

It makes me strong. To know the strength of my love and the resilience in my heart to not settle for any lesser form of love.

I is for I. As in, I am my own fairytale. If there is no guy to save me and love me, then I will do so for myself.

Akilah Davis is a staff writer for FIU student media. Her column, A is For Anti, provides oppositional commentary on the social and societal influences in America.

FIU United VP didn't do Comptroller duty

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



JOSE SIRVEN

Former SGC-MMC Comptroller Gabriela Millan failed to fulfill her duties as comptroller and she quit before

the budget hearings. Millan is currently running to be SGA Vice President.

As Comptroller, she oversees an almost \$19 million budget. Throughout the year she was required to distribute the SGC-MMC funds, attend all Cabinet meetings, provide monthly finance reports to the senate and the SGC President, report to the Finance Committee, and sponsor a semesterly workshop.

According to minutes, Millan did not attend all cabinet meetings nor provide a finance report to the Senate every month. Not once did she provide a finance report to the Student Body President. No semesterly workshop hosted by the Comptroller occurred. Yet, she still got paid.

Millan wants to represent us students, as Vice President, but she cannot even fulfill her responsibilities as Comptroller. And when she was most needed

during budget deliberations, Millan quit out of fear that she would be fired.

If she was rightfully fired for not completing her job, she would not be able to run for Student Body Vice President, according to the Elections Code.

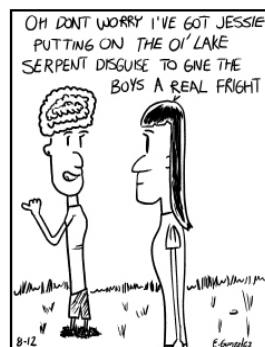
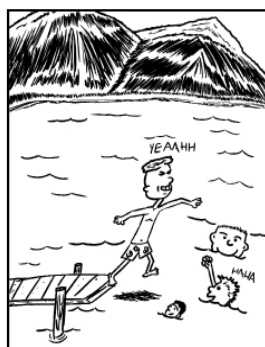
Although Millan didn't do her job, she still collected a paycheck from A&S Fees. A&S Fees are collected from student's tuition. I feel financially robbed as a student and disturbed at the possibility that Millan becomes Vice President. The purpose of the fees is to benefit the student body in general, not to be used to benefit the pocket of students with connections.

I am hopeful that justice will prevail.

**Jose Sirven
Junior,
International Relations**

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Engineering expo excites

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The future of this world is sustainability, it's engineering, science, math, the arts; it's what's gonna bring everybody together to be honest.

Oscar Vilchez
Senior
Civil Engineering

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Top: Engineering students Andrea Cedeno, Kseniya Boldyreva and Carlos Formosa show rowing form next to their competition concrete canoe.



Left: Seniors Nicole Fierro, Jean-Carlo Drada and Daniela Diaz race toward graduation on their environmentally sustainable three-wheeled car.

WRC implements new 'active study equipment'

KALI-RAY SKINNER
Staff Writer

Panthers at MMC looking for new ways to work out, stay healthy, and stay on top of their studies will find that the new expansion to the Wellness and Rec Center can cater to their needs.

The Wellness and Recreation Center's expansion will offer plenty of new amenities, including an indoor track, active study equipment that will allow students to work out and study at the same time, gender neutral bathrooms and more are being added in the hopes of giving Panthers an expanded experience.

The center will also feature three new indoor basketball/volleyball courts, two racquetball/squash courts which can already be seen on the second floor, an expansion of the free weight and cardio rooms and possibly an informal recreation area with pool tables, foosball, or video games.

"I expect more people to come because of the added features, new amenities, and because we'll actually have more space," said Charles Judkins, the director of the center.

Two key elements to the construction project are the expansion of Tropical Smoothie and the new shared recreation and athletics field across from the Rec.

Construction officially started on March 22, and the expansion

is going "roughly according to schedule," said Judkins, as it had to be pushed back a couple of weeks due to weather-related issues.

The \$25 million dollar project is set to open on Sept. 28 while the recreation field will open at the end of July, according to a story published by FIU News on Dec. 11, 2015.

In the summer, the Recreation Center will be hiring both work study and non-work study students

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... People were, from what I've heard ... complaining... that it's almost like a sardine can on the first floor here,

Charles Judkins
Director
Wellness and Rec Center

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for the expansion.

Space has been one of the biggest complaints for patrons attending the gym in the WRC, which was built to accommodate 35,000 students.

"...[T]hat was the one thing that people were, from what I've heard ... complaining about. That it's almost like a sardine can on the first floor here," said Judkins.

Some students have raised complaints about the construction project at the WRC.

Juan Alarcon, a senior majoring in chemistry, says the noise disturbance from the expansion has made it difficult for him to keep up with his yoga practice.

Alarcon notes that because of this expansion, "there is nowhere to go [in the Nature Preserve]. I used to go by the garden but now everything is closed off because there is a bunch of construction."

FIU student employees are looking forward to the expansion, such as Francesca Puche, a building supervisor who is a senior majoring in advertising. She said that more space will make it easier for employees and patrons to re-rack weights.

The expansion will also feature permanent rooms for spinning classes in the WRC.

"That will be really helpful because it takes a significant portion of time to set up the class, and I think it will save more time in the long run and be less stressful in that aspect," said Puche.

She also notes having new equipment will be nice because less machines will break down.

According to Judkins, there will be an opening ceremony, the date of which will be announced at a later time.

AT THE BAY

MPAS to host forum on 'controversial topics'

LISBETTE CASTILLO
Staff Writer

The FIU Multicultural Programs and Services is hosting an event called The Confederate Flag and Misappropriated Symbols where students discuss controversial topics regarding different symbols in society and their true meanings.

The event, which will take place March 29, will involve a guided discussion where students will learn about the background and history of these symbols as well as share their own opinion on the matter.

"Knowledge is power," said Jeff McNamee, associate director for MPAS. "The more you know about a subject and its history, the more you can form a better opinion."

MPAS has been facilitating social justice workshops for a couple of years. One of the main subjects they are touching base on for this year's events is the confederated flag.

"The confederate flags is one of those symbols that are really popular in southern culture and it's also in many people's view as a symbol of hate," said McNamee.

McNamee said there are a lot of symbols that are used for fashion or trends and people don't necessarily know the history behind them. The MPAS workshops bring up these subjects that usually are hot topics and trending in social justice.

"We find that arming FIU students with critical thinking skills is the best thing to do," said McNamee. "We're not here to tell you what to think or to form your opinion for you."

Mark Harris, graduate assistant for MPAS said students should attend the event to be more educated about things that are going on in society and how they're being used.

"A lot of times society can grab something from the past and twist it whether it's for good or bad," said Harris. "It's important to know exactly what society does."

Harris said there is history and meaning behind symbols.

"Sometimes we may not know the historical value or specific heritage of some of the symbols that we use today," said Harris.

The event will kick-off at 1 p.m. at the Wolfe Center on March 29. There will be food and a critical thinking activity.

"We don't believe that we're going to solve a lot of these issues in 50 minutes but to get a good start... [we encourage] people to start to critically think about things and do their own research, have intelligent conversations without yelling and screaming like 5-year-old kids," said McNamee.

McNamee encourages students

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Panthers go ‘Wild’ for Zelda

OH MY GOSH, JOSH

JOSHUA
CEBALLOS

The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild” has hit store shelves and its release has injected new life into the

gaming community here at FIU.

“Breath of the Wild” is the latest installment in the storied “Legend of Zelda” franchise, and Nintendo has decided to radically change its formula after over 15 main iterations in this family of games.

For many years, Zelda games have fallen into a pattern of on-rails and contained exploration within an overworld, broken up into a series of puzzle-oriented dungeons meant to be taken on in sequential order. “Breath of the Wild” however, throws the player into the open world and leaves the adventure entirely in their hands.

Alejandro Villalobos, junior physics major, has been playing Zelda games for many years, noticed the transformation of the series, which started by giving players complete freedom of choice for progression.

“After the first one, Zelda kind of went in a lot of different directions... it’s progressed to this kind of hybrid... there’s a lot of puzzles, there’s a lot of adventure, there’s a lot of fighting and combat... This new game takes all of that and puts it in the setting of

the first one,” said Villalobos.

“Breath of the Wild” inserts players into the aftermath of a major disaster that destroyed an advanced culture and on the cusp of a catastrophe about to happen. The protagonist, as always in this series, is Link, a silent and stalwart hero destined to save the Kingdom of Hyrule across time and dimensions.

This version of Hyrule, as the title suggests, is more wild and dispersed than in previous entries. The game’s antagonist has caused the world to crumble and the creatures of the world have

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Alejandro Villalobos

Junior

Physics

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survived in diffuse communities. This is what allows the game to have such a large expanse for exploration and many opportunities for difficult and emergent gameplay.

“It’s not [a game] you can easily speedrun, at least if you want to 100% it quickly,” said Kevin Garcia, senior information

technology major, referring to the practice of experiencing everything that the game has to offer in one quick go.

Walking past the Graham Center Student Art Gallery, known by many to be the go-to gaming hub of MMC, I’ve seen a number of students playing “Breath of the Wild” on the “Nintendo Switch”, the company’s new console that hybridizes mobile and console gaming by way of a two-in-one controller/mobile screen.

“I’ve seen a few friends just take it out and start playing while waiting for class... I’ve been in CP and I’ve seen someone with a ‘Switch’, and I’ve also been in GL when I saw someone,” said Villalobos.

“The Legend of Zelda” series is one that holds a special place in the hearts of many gamers including myself, and its influences on pop culture are apparent even to people who have never played the games.

With the latest installment, Nintendo seems to have struck gold once again after over 30 years worth of entries. The combination of freedom within the game to explore the environment and tackle its challenges in whatever clever manner you see fit as well as the freedom for players to play anywhere by way of the “Switch” has allowed gamers to experience Zelda in an entirely new way.

Oh My Gosh, Josh is a monthly column that discusses various issues that affect students.

Students talk ‘Confederate flag’

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to come out to the event and partake in the discussion.

“Regardless on which side they fall on, we welcome all kinds of conversations because I don’t want to preach to a room of like-minded individuals,” said McNamee. “We want to have both conversations so that we can reach both sides.”

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Sometimes, we may not know the historical value to a specific heritage of some of the symbols that we use today,

Jeff McNamee

Associate Director

Multicultural Programs and Services

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Behind the Roar: Meet Enid a.k.a DJ Peaches



CHRISTOPHER DOWNS/PANTHER PRESS

Student DJ, Enid Moreira hosts radio show, Pearlescent Seoul, Sundays at 11 a.m.

CHRISTOPHER DOWNS

Contributing Writer

What do you do at The Roar?

I am a deejay here at The Roar and I’m also the world genre director, which means I handle any music that is outside of the United States.

What date and time is your show usually on air?

So, I’m on air every Sunday from 11 to noon...I have a world show, where I play K-Pop, which is music from South Korea.

Did you come up with the concept of being a world genre director?

There was a moment in which a couple of positions opened, and I had been a deejay for six months or so and when you’re a day-to-day deejay that’s fun, but when you get the chance to improve the concept of the radio station, that’s exciting.

How long have you been working at The Roar?

I’ve been working at the station for officially a year.

What’s your favorite genre of music?

Honestly, I’ve been into K-Pop for like 2 years and that’s the only thing that I’ve been listening to for 2 years...but other than that Spanish Rock. Because of my brother, I always listen to what he listens to at home, so yeah that’s my second go to.

Have you been to any concerts lately?

Yes, I actually [did] last Thursday. I went with my little brother to go see this band. They’re called ‘The Universals.’ They’re from Venezuela and they’re Spanish rock. And funny story, after the show, I went up to the bassist and was like, “Hey, I work at FIU’s radio station...I could invite you guys to the station to play a show.” It was a good show...I was so excited.

What do you want people to take from your show?

From my specific show, when I make the playlist, I just think of the people that are already K-Pop fans so I’m kind of catering to them.

Do you see yourself doing radio in the future?

I’ve always liked entertaining people, making them feel good and laugh. Throughout high school, I did theatre and when I got to college, I did psychology. Then, I just wanted to do something else and that’s how I got to the radio station, it was something that I could still do with entertainment. But in the future, I definitely have my career set with psychology.

SGC-BBC to hold 'Day on the Bay' event to highlight BBC

SGC-BBC



RACHAEL RAMPERSAD

March was quite an eventful month for SGC-BBC. From several brilliant lecturers visiting our campus to the orientation of the new 2017-2018 SGA candidates, there hasn't been

a dull moment.

On March 7, chef and entrepreneur, Michelle Bernstein lectured at BBC as part of SGC-BBC's lecture series. Bernstein educated attendees on the importance of preserving culture through food. She touched on topics such as identity, stability and competition in the food industry with her most important message being, "Stay true to yourself."

Another speaker that visited BBC in March was legendary activist for civil and women's rights, writer, and scholar, Angela Davis. She was the keynote speaker of the "Women Who Lead" Conference which was held on March 22. In her inspiring lecture, Davis spoke about leadership, courage, family and independence. The event was an overall success and The Women's Center and SGC-BBC thanks everyone who attended.

Advising Week at BBC took place on March 20-21. This event was conveniently planned a week before enrollment begins so that students can take the opportunity to plan out their summer and fall semesters. Students got the chance to have quick one-on-one conversations with their advisors to discuss their progress and pending requirements for graduation. Students could also make future appointments with advisors if needed.

March 21 marked our 14th annual FIU Day where members of the FIU community, and members of FIU's Board of Trustees advocated for FIU's Legislative priorities in Tallahassee. This year the Legislative Priorities included Campus Expansion & Facilities Funding, Startup FIU,

Royal Caribbean partnership and FIU UPLIFT. Our students here at BBC got involved in FIU Day by being very active on social media using the hashtag, #fiuday and #advocateforfiu and directly tweeting our legislators to show their support. More information about these initiatives and the proceedings at FIU Day can be found at: <http://advocate.fiu.edu>

Following FIU Day was "Rally in Tally" where FIU students took to the streets of Tallahassee to rally and advocate for FIU. Buses were provided for students from FIU to Tallahassee and the turnout was tremendous. SGC-BBC would like to thank everyone who reached out and participated on these two days.

On April 15, SGC-BBC will be holding "Day on the Bay." This event highlights our beautiful Biscayne Bay. Join SGA BBC in cleaning up the bay and sprucing up the surrounding areas. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. near the bike trails. Volunteer hours will be awarded to everyone who participates.

Also, look out for SGC-BBC's Tuesday Times Roundtable which is held every Tuesday in WUC, room 159. These informative, lively moderated sessions promote open conversation about current articles in the New York Times. This is especially beneficial to communication and journalism students. Each week's topic and speaker can be found on the SGC-BBC website. Come join in the conversation!

Look out for more updates on "Day on the Bay" and other upcoming events by following SGA BBC on social media @fiusgabbc.

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'More Life' album falls into 'a wall of shallow mediocrity'

MALE MAIL



DAMIAN GORDON

"More Life" has me thinking that Drake needs to take more time off from making songs.

The playlist is comprised of many songs I will dunk, Shaq-style, straight into the recycle bin by the week's end.

My opinion of this project was more favorable during my first listen as there were not any horrendous lyrics or beats. Repeat listens didn't offer as much as I tried to get more in depth but got stopped by a wall of shallow mediocrity.

If "More Life" was a pool, I would have broken both my legs trying to jump in. This is fine because at face-value there are a lot of rhythmic-bangers on here.

This release incorporates parts from Drake's past works, while borrowing styles from other artist.

The Canadian artist talks about the same thing he has for the last three projects, bragging, about how he's that guy and, generic relationship problems and Meek Mill sneak disses.

Playing this invokes the feeling of someone lost in the woods seeing their shoeprint stepped over many times. They think about familiar ground that's becoming very tiresome.

His best songs are they

talk about something very personal and you feel his energy come through the speakers. Here, it's like he's mailing in a third of the tracks, while giving his all in others. Drake has experimented with beat changes mid-song; this time around, it's transitions. Each song leads to the next so well, it makes time pass by on this 22 tracks.

Fans thought Drake's previous album, "Views," was going to be amazing. Many were disappointed, so this is him enlisting the best featured artists he has who are not named Rihanna in an effort to regain interest.

Standouts here include "Gyalchester," "Ice Melts" with Young Thug, "Portland" featuring Quavo and Travis Scott, and "Fake Love."

Quavo typically says nonsensical verses, but here, it makes sense and it's easy to overlook some head-scratching lines because of his impeccable flow.

"Michael Jordan with the tennis shoes," is confusing, but I guess adding a "skrrt skrrt" line after turns any questionable lyric into fire.

This is Drake's first project where the features are notable and outshine him numerous times.

Young Thug has the best verse on the entire project. Yes, April Fool's Day is in a couple days but this is no joke.

Instead of the high-pitched mumble rap he usually does, Thug is more reserved, telling a story and spitting bars that might go over your head.

"I'ma use ya name like,

'who is he?' You get it? I'ma username like, 'who is he?'

Then there are tracks where Drake puts on his Fetty Wap dread extensions and Rastafarian cap for the dancehall tracks.

They're good but not "Controlla" great and don't make me put that extra oomph in my dance like his past island-winspired music.

Maybe they need more Caribbean air horns or random explosion effects, because they are missing that special something that take it to the next level.

Most of the beats are simplistic, which is in contrast to the over-produced sound Drake's previous album had.

This simplistic take hurts the slow jams as he also decides to do basic rhyme structures. This makes songs such as "Since Way Back" make me want to hit the skip button faster than a Mayweather right hook.

"More Life" does well at being a good and diverse playlist as it has various vibes that still fit under the overall tone.

Great Features, decent production, these are songs for every occasion; even though a third of them just feel uninspired like Drake is running through the motions.

Damian Gordon is a staff writer. His column, Male Mail, is a commentary on current media and social trends.

'Bright futures to include the summer semester'

SGC-MMC



ALIAN COLLAZO

Dear Panthers,

My name is Alian Collazo, your proud Student Government President at the MMC campus. On behalf of myself and the entire SGA team, we hope that your Spring Semester is flowing along in a positive direction.

Over the past month, Student Government has been working diligently to represent you and our FIU community.

Our on-campus job information session was a success this past month. Students were able to learn not only about job opportunities on campus, but also about career services and their role at our University.

We were able to host a successful opening into Women's Month by collaborating on the pre-week dinner of the Women Who Lead series with the women's center. The keynote speaker was Erin Schrode, the first woman younger than twenty-five to run for Congress.

On March 21, SGA participated in FIU Day at our state

Capitol in Tallahassee and as well as back on campus.

In Tallahassee, we advocated on behalf of the needs of students and the University including funding for Bright Futures to include the summer semester, \$20 million for FIU expansion, \$5 million for Startup FIU, \$3.5 million for the engineering center expansion initiative, \$15 million for the SIPA expansion initiative, and \$5 million for the FIU Uplift program concentrated on helping students pass critical gateway and STEM courses.

Back on campus, we held an event in the GC Pit along with several FIU organizations to celebrate FIU Day!

The following day was "Rally in Tally" hosted by the Florida Student Association. Our institution was well represented with SGA providing free bus rides to those students that were interested in participating.

The day was focused on advocating for the needs of our fellow students back at FIU along with those of the 350,000 that make up the state University system. Lastly, we are working on the "Career Fly-In" to D.C., which will take place during the month of April, in conjunction

with the Office of Campus Life. Make sure to apply for this amazing opportunity to get a free trip to our nation's capital and to take part in career development at our FIU in D.C. space.

We invite you all to please follow us on Instagram (@fiusga) and Facebook to keep up with our events, and do not forget to sign up for our newsletter.

Don't forget that Student Government Association elections will be taking place this upcoming April 4 - April 5. As your SGA President, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is that you go out and make your voice heard by voting.

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FOOTBALL

Head coach looks forward to spring football

PETER HOLLAND, JR.
Staff Writer

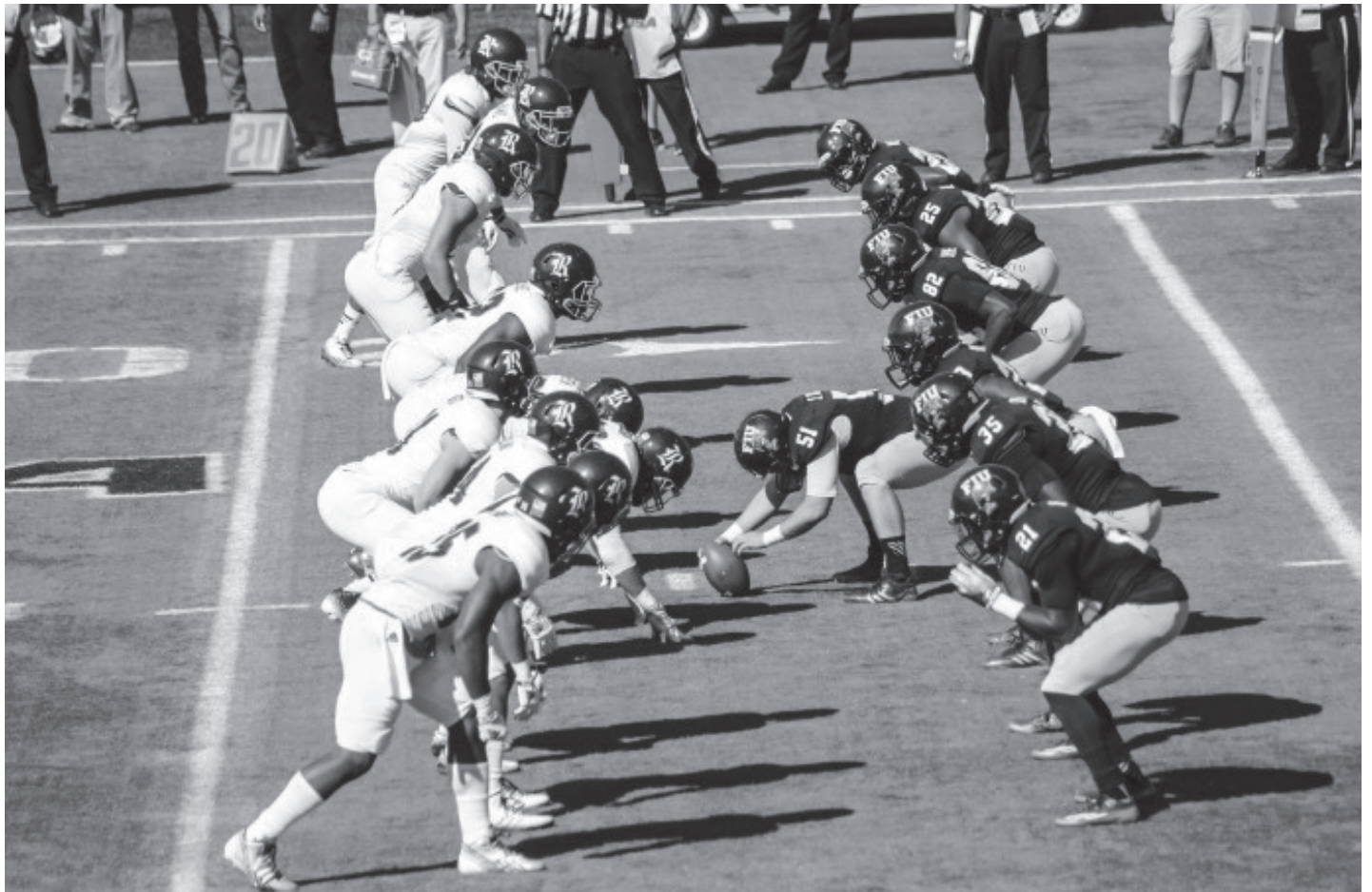
There hasn't been any days off for head coach Butch Davis and his football program.

Davis has been out of coaching for six years and said he is looking forward to the progression his team has made this offseason.

"The real emphasis is to get as strong as they possibly could," said Davis. "Also, to get as fast and as quick as they could. I think we got a great combination in our strength and conditioning program. I'm kind of anxious to see some results of the first steps in the next couple days of practice."

Despite key returning starters from both offense and defense such as quarterback Alex McGough and linebacker Anthony Wint, each position will have a clean slate under the first-year head coach. Coach Davis made it clear that this is a wide-open competition and anyone can't take anyone's spot in the early process of this season.

"Like I told them, I said we're going to count on them to provide real leadership and experience," said Davis. "But having said all that, all the jobs are wide open. We're not going to give them the starting job based on what they did in the past. Players are going to go out there and get the opportunity to become a starter, a great role player, or roles that we can provide for them on



Panthers before snapping the ball in a play against Rice University.

PANTHER PRESS FILE PHOTO

Saturdays."

The spring game is going to be a combination of 30-40 minutes of drills in what they do in practice, according to Davis. We will finish that night with about 30-70 scrimmage plays in a full game-type situation.

"For the fan, I would like to see a lot of excitement and enthusiasms, explosiveness offensively and defensively to inspire the fans to say, you know what, I need to be a part of that, I want to be there and be part of the program's success and help give the

program the advantage by filling those stadiums up," he said.

Because FIU Stadium is under renovations, the Panthers are practicing on the soccer stadium. Their spring game is scheduled to be on Apr. 7 at 7 p.m.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Wellness manager introduces Paws to Move Challenge

STEVEN MELENDEZ
Contributing Writer

There are many factors to be mindful of when maintaining a healthy lifestyle, but getting your daily exercises can be one of the most challenging.

This is exactly the kind of behavior modification Nathan Burandt, benefits and wellness manager for Panthers Wellness Active Services and Human Resources, is bringing to the FIU community by introducing the PAWS to Move challenge.

"We wanted to challenge the faculty and staff to be more active, to take part in their wellness, and we wanted to let them know that FIU really cares about them," Burandt said on the purpose for creating this challenge.

Each individual and team is required to keep a log of the exercise

they perform within a six-week period, starting March 13.

"We're going to be on the honor system and if anybody is utilizing a fitness tracker or an app, then they have to send me the aggregate data at the end of the week, so that I can see a screenshot of their dashboard," said Burandt in regards of how he will receive the log.

With registration closed, over 800 people and 100 teams have registered for the challenge and out of those participating, there will be five individual winners and three team winners. Winners will be notified on Friday, April 28.

Participants who track 1,500 minutes – or 25 hours – of activity will be entered into a raffle for a free 30-minute massage, kayaking at the Biscayne

Bay Campus or a \$25 Gift Card from GoRunMiami.

Nathan Burandt views this program as the stepping stone to bigger things.

"After the six weeks, since this is a pilot, this is going to be going toward a much bigger program in the fall," he added.

Some students expressed their interest in the challenge.

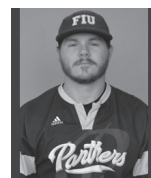
"I work out regularly already, so I'd definitely be interested in the challenge," said Jhonathan Ramirez, a junior studying chemistry. "This would be a great way for me to compare myself to other workout junkies around campus."

The PAWS to Move challenge definitely seems to be bringing out a competitive side to exercising, which is sure to show great results, according to Burandt.

BASEBALL

Senior catcher becoming cornerstone for Panthers

BRETT SHWEKY
Staff Writer



ZACK SORIA

Catcher Zack Soria has been an instrumental part of the Panthers' success so far this season, contributing offensively and defensively in key moments.

During the three-game series against the Charleston Southern University Buccaneers starting March 9, the redshirt senior secured a hit in each of the three games. In 11 at bats, Soria also finished the series with three runs scored, four hits, two home runs and five RBI.

Head coach Mervyl Melendez said that Soria has been playing at a high level for the Panthers this season.

"Zack has been a workhorse, what he's done behind the plate is amazing," said Melendez. "Even in the eighth and the ninth inning, he's been able to make key blocks at the plate and that's after five-straight days of grueling play."

In the doubleheader against the Manhattan Jaspers back on March 4, Soria remained the catcher throughout the two games, displaying the type of endurance the redshirt senior offers.

Coach Melendez said that his decision was based on the comfort level that Soria has established with left-hander Andrew George and the rest of the pitching rotation.

"My original plan was to rest Soria in the second game of the doubleheader," said Melendez. "However starter Andrew George

feels comfortable with him behind the plate and to be honest with you whoever the pitcher wants behind the plate will usually get the start."

Before attending FIU, Soria played at St. Rita of Cascia High School in Chicago, Illinois. During his tenure, Soria was named

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Head Coach
FIU Baseball Team

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3rd Team All-State, All Region and was even a Louisville Slugger All-American in his junior season, all while earning honor roll and being named to the dean's list throughout high school.

The Panthers will be back in action Friday, March 31, as the team takes on the University of Alabama at Birmingham in a three-game series. The first game is set for 7 p.m.

UNDER THE STARS

University's CyClub hosts nighttime cycling event for campus body



Participants engage in cycling class in front of FIU Arena on March 9, 2017

NICHOLAS POBLETE/THE BEACON

NICHOLAS POBLETE Staff Writer

After its debut in fall 2016, Cycling Under the Stars returned this semester, providing participants with a workout, accompanied with upbeat music and synchronized neon lights.

Hosted by the CyClub, and instructed by Sara Holtzman and Vicky Mendez, the workout was held outside FIU Arena and included two classes at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Holtzman, a coordinator of fitness programming at MMC's Wellness and Recreation Center, began the class with a warning.

"Your butt is going to hurt tomorrow," she said.

With both classes sold out, Holtzman attributes the success of this event to its unique setting, with the music and lights creating a club-like ambiance.

"It's a great workout," she said. "[It's] something you can do that is easier on your joints and body, compared to running."

Krystal Conde, a senior studying psychology,

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Sara Holtzman
Instructor

Wellness and Recreation Center”

participated in her first cycling class.

"I liked that it was outside, hearing music, while cycling," she said.

Cycling Under the Stars had a fee of \$7, and

all proceeds went to pulmonary hypertension research. Between the two classes held, CyClub raised around \$400.

Although Cycling Under the Stars is held only once a semester, CyClub holds indoor cycling classes every Monday and Wednesday at 6:30p.m. at MMC's Wellness and Recreation Center.

The indoor classes are equipped with music and neon lights as well to give students the atmosphere they're looking for.

Ilyssa Steinlauf, a senior studying public relations, who had participated in another CyClub class, came out for the first time to Cycling Under the Stars.

"It was fun," she said. "I liked the atmosphere, [and] proceeds go to a good cause."

To learn more about CyClub and the classes it offers, visit FIU's Student Affairs website.

ARTPOP

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