**Faculty Senate talks innovation and funding**

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Faculty and administrators gathered in the Wertheim Conservatory on Tuesday April 8 to discuss new University-related policy. President Mark B. Rosenberg was in attendance.

The meeting began with a spirited ovation for Provost Douglas Waritzk, who recently announced in a memorandum that he would be taking a sabbatical leave in Australia. Chairman Delano Gray took a moment to address Provost Waritzk for his role in the faculty senate.

"He has been a voice of reason in some our meetings and we appreciate his participation as a senior faculty member and as a provost," Gray said.

In the first action items discussed, the Global Learning Curriculum Oversight Committee approved a proposal adding 5 classes to the Global Learning curriculum including: Foreign Studies: Japan (JPN 3955); Magic and Religious Studies REL 3075; Islamic Faith and Society (REL 3362); Hospitality Industry Law (HFT 3603); and International Tourism HFT 3713).

Afterwards, the committee discussed several motions, including the approval of a new graduate degree program, an Online Master of Science in Environment Engineering, and the establishment of Unit-Specific Admission Standards for both an M.A. and Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction.

According to Ferradaz, the creation of an Academic Integrity Committee. Late last semester, the University charged three students and an alumnus with felony charges in an exam theft ring where they broke into an Owu Ehan room, hacked into a professor’s email and obtained and sold exams. Alan Gummerson, professor in economics, commented on the need for reform.

"We saw that [the problem of academic integrity] was going to take longer than one year to solve," Gummerson said. "We think there needs to be some change in the culture."

Further along in the meeting, the Faculty Senate went into elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Candidates for chair were the incumbent Chairman, and Kathleen Wilson. The vice chair and secretary candidates, Jeorg Reinhold and Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo, respectively, ran unopposed. As such, the victors were Wilson, Reinhold and Doherty-Restrepo.

In President Rosenberg’s report, an emphasis was placed the need for curriculum and technology reform. The president said his biggest concern is keeping the University relevant in the face of the changing nature of technology and the homogenization of education.

"Our context is rapidly changing," President Rosenberg on assessment.

In light of the Board of Governors new funding model, performance – which he described as his passion of the moment – was the key point of his address.

"We don’t get funding on head counts anymore, we get funded on performance," he said.

The president referred to the ten metrics the Board of Governors set to evaluate each of the 12 public universities in Florida. He expressed that although problems with retention and attrition could be related to the unique community FIU serves a large amount of the blame falls on the administration and the university itself.

An anecdote that he used came in 2008 left the University without graduating. The University’s current mission, according to President Rosenberg, will be align with the Board of Governors performance funding model and improve efficiency.

The President referred to a conversation with Florida House Speaker Will Weatherford, where the President said he fears the performance metrics will force the University to move away from low performing high-schools.

"He [Weatherford] was thinking I was saying, ‘lower the standards,’” said President Rosenberg citing the Speakers reaction.

RESPONSE TO SPEAKER: President Rosenberg said, “No one is accusing me of having low expectations. It’s because we have high expectations that I want students from those schools.”

“We work in those schools because we believe everyone deserves a quality education, regardless of their zip code. As long as they’re qualified,” he said.

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**Transit Day gets students excited about their commutes**

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Staff Writer

The South Florida Commuter Services teamed up with the Office of Sustainability and Parking and Transportation to bring not only the Miami-Dade County Transportation Office to speak with students about different transit options as part of Transit Day on April 9, but also Miami Heat Dancers, Burnie the Mascot and former NBA guard Tim Hardaway to get students excited about their commutes.

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SEE TRANSIT, PAGE 2
Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU tells history, tradition with food

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For Dr.-Lee Kaidar, the thought of Jewish food instantly evokes memories of her grandmother’s chicken soup, served with matzah balls and homemade kasher noodles. Kaidar says these memories play a significant role in her Jewish identity. “Our whole world is surrounded around food,” said Kaidar, the Israeli fellow at Hillel YAD. “For us, food equals family, food equals home.” From 1930 to the late 80’s, aside from being a top tourist destination, Miami Beach was largely known for its thriving Jewish community comprised of kasher restaurants, delis and synagogues. In the last 30 years however, the Jewish population in Miami Beach has decreased — along with it, the businesses and culture. With the intention of revitalizing the community, the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU is hosting a series of tours encompassed around a chief element of any culture: cuisine. In conjunction with an exhibit at the museum titled “Growers, Growers and Generous Fisch: A Gastronomic Look at Florida Jews & Food,” the Jewish Food Walking Tour takes participants on a historic journey to South Beach’s staple Jewish restaurants, from both the past and present.

The Jewish Museum of Florida, which works to collect, preserve and interpret the material evidence of the Florida Jewish experience, has led a tour on Sunday, April 5, directed by Howard Brayer, the museum tour guide. “If you ever went and walked around the neighborhood, you wouldn’t realize that there was a high concentrations of Jewish people here, said Brayer. “The food tour is reminder of that history.” That history is slowly fading away, according to Brayer. The gentrification of Miami Beach in the late 80s and a diminishing Jewish population both contributed to the decreasing number Jews and restaurant and shops.

Brayer says a lot of the traditions and recipes either wasn’t passed down or disregarded by younger generations. “This tour should re-introduce people – young and old – to the Miami of yesterdays,” Brayer said. “And the food is an added plus. Everyone loves food.” The food tours will continue until September 21.

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JEWISH FOOD WALKING TOUR
WHERE: Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU, Miami Beach
WHEN: Ongoing on various days until September
COST: Museum members $36, Non-members $46 (includes museum admission and exhibit tour)
http://museum.fiu.edu/
University offers Panthers freedom to express themselves

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We often hear complaints regarding decisions made in the United States and how things should be, but let's step back. Reflect on some of the major issues going on in the world right now.

Venezuela is currently fighting communism; people have stood up and made their voices heard. On-campus, honorable Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, President Mark B. Rosenberg and many students got together and voiced their displeasure with what is going on now in Venezuela.

It's a beautiful thing to live in a country where we can express ourselves no matter where we're from or what beliefs we may have. Seeing stands in Graham Center with students supporting the fight against injustice is truly something great.

Diversity at the University is something seen daily, whether we're walking to grab something to eat or running to the next class. It can be seen on individuals and in events. Adnan Saeed, senior psychology major, served as the president of the Pakistani Students Alliance and has contributed to the diversity seen on-campus. He has done a lot to spread an understanding of the Pakistani culture in Miami.

Recently, Saeed hosted an event at Alonso Field at FIU Stadium known as Basant. Basant is an annual kite festival in which many members of the community, Pakistani and non-Pakistani, come together to fly kites, play games and enjoy Pakistani food and music.

The freedom to express yourself is a gift and seeing it exercised on-campus is something to be grateful for. Students can walk around wearing a hat or shirt representing a country or have a sticker on a MacBook that represents displeasure with some injustice.

It's a freedom that we share in this country and have the right to exercise. Sharing this benefit may often be taken for granted, but when we actually step back and see how good we really have it, it puts these things into perspective.

Venezuela is at a point where people that express disagreement with the current government are being penalized and mistreated.

This is happening in several other countries too. Being in a place where we can express ourselves and exercise our freedoms is a great thing.

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Apollo’s Goddess raises money for philanthropy

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Danny Thomas believed that “No child should die in the dawn of life,” and that families who brought their children to St. Jude for treatment would only have to focus on their child’s recovery.

“Apollo’s Goddess is a pageant at the end of a week long series of philanthropic events called Teke Week where the brothers of TKE raise money and awareness for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.” Matt Atkins, the vice president of philanthropy said. Atkins

Most of the contestants were TKE Caravans, women that support the fraternity on a daily basis, so they said they were excited to run for the pageant and their sororities were happy to support them.

The events during Teke Week consisted of Hands for Hope, Spot the Cure, Give Thanks Day and Apollo’s Challenge.

Wednesday, “Give Thanks Day,” the Apollo’s Goddess Pageant contestants hosted their own fundraisers and Thursday, “Apollo’s Challenge,” teams competed in different relays in order to gain points to win Teke Week and win the 15 percent of money raised for their philanthropy.

“The planning has been happening for a very long time, at least a year, but there were still some major kinks to work out seeing how these events are so new,” Atkins said. “The execution was pretty good for a first run event and we got a lot of positive feedback from the contestants, judges, and other guests who got to participate in the pageant.”

Stephanie Volero, a sister of Delta Phi Epsilon, won both Voter’s Choice and the Apollo’s Goddess title. She was unable to comment by the time of press. Phi Sigma Sigma won the overall Teke Week. Volero is now TKE’s new philanthropy representative and will be working with Atkins to come up with fundraising ideas, plan philanthropy events and raise as much money and awareness for TKE’s philanthropies as she can during her reign.

“For next year’s event we hope to have a higher attendance, a higher participation from the Greek Community, and to reach and exceed our goal and raise as much money and awareness as possible for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.” Atkins said.

University to participate in Miami Pride Parade

JUNETTE REYES
Entertainment Director

The University is celebrating LGBTQA pride throughout the month of April. The celebrations started April 2 and will end May 2.

Several events have already occurred. Some events include the panel discussion “Loving Without Limitations: When an LGBTQ Loved One Comes Out” and the Lavender Graduation and Recognition Dinner. During the latter, graduating students that are part of the LGBTQA community were recognized for their academic achievements and leadership contributions in the University.

One significant event is the Miami Beach Gay Pride Parade and Festival which is taking place this Sunday, April 13, at South Beach. FIU expects to have an important role in the parade.

“We have officially participated with the LGBTQA Initiatives for two years. There have been previous FIU groups that have walked, but not as a unified front as we have been for the past two years,” said Gisela Vega, associate director of the LGBTQA Initiatives in the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services.

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“Class this semester, we have 136 students and part of the class is for them to march in the parade. The class usually comes up that come from different perspectives. For example, the very first parade that we were a part of, the slogan on the T-shirts said ‘Who you are is not a choice, at FIU you have a voice.’ I think that just really explains what it’s all about: no matter who you are, we appreciate that at this University,” said Loynaz.

This year, FIU’s float will be the first one right behind the float of Grand Marshals Gloria Estefan and Kenny Ortega.

Before the parade, an alumni, faculty and staff breakfast will be taking place at the Wolfsonian-FIU museum.

“We’re starting an LGBTQA alumni association here at the university, so we’re hoping to bring more community members to FIU and let them know FIU is a very different place now and that it is very supportive,” said Vega.

Transportation is departing from Modesto A. Maidique Campus at 8 a.m. and will be available for the first 50 students.

“I expect folks to have a great time, that people see FIU is a supportive place for all of our students and community members – regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression – that we include everybody, [and] that they get to see FIU as a leader in terms of how progressive we are,” said Vega.

“I think being a part of the parade and having them see a prominent local University is supporting the effort sends a really strong message of support to the community.”

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Marvel cares about fans and their products

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Marvel clearly cares about its characters; the filmmakers and writers hired tend to be respectful to the source material and have an understanding of the mythology. The Marvel Universe, that’s been created on the silver screen has made much money and many more fans. People from all over the world have become fans of Iron Man, Thor and Captain America as a result of these wildly successful films. What makes these films as popular as they are? These films could have easily been mediocre and still make money, yet, these films have been critically favored for the most part (if Rotten Tomatoes is to be believed, no Marvel Universe film has yet to go under the 60 percent mark).

Marvel let the world know some years ago that they were planning phases for their films, meaning that each film was part of an arc and had significance to an overall story. Each film in the Marvel Universe is connected and planned way ahead of time, with much hype to follow. Marvel’s dedication shows not only in their treatment of source material but in adapting lesser known properties (not everyone knows about the most recent incarnation of the Guardians of the Galaxy).

Marvel clearly cares about its characters; the filmmakers and writers hired tend to be respectful to the source material and have an understanding of the mythology. It can be seen as atypical of such a massive corporation to put so much focus on the quality of its works, especially if they’re aware that they’ll gross much money anyway. The hiring of certain film-makers, writers, and especially actors has helped elevate the films to be more than mere superhero fodder. Films like “Iron Man” benefit from being exciting, action packed, as well as well acted, well scripted, and very funny. “Iron Man” serves as an excellent example of one of the universe’s defining and most important traits. When people now think of Iron Man, Robert Downey Jr. may be the first thing someone thinks about. “Iron Man” becomes well regarded and liked because of Downey Jr., who many would agree is the best part of the Iron Man films. It gets to a point that people can’t imagine anyone playing Tony Stark. Digging at what makes the Marvel films so popular could have much to do with their being around for a long time. The Incredible Hulk has been around for about fifty or so years and has remained popular ever since. If a motion picture comes out starring the Hulk, it will, at the very least, make money. The people at Marvel don’t view their films as merely ways of making money, since fans of Marvel in general have voiced their massive approval of their films, going crazy over small references that the casual viewer may not catch.

Of course, even a film like “Iron Man 3” can be critically praised but hated by audiences due to a few things that the writer-director changed. Still, when such controversy comes about, there are many fans that applaud Marvel for taking such risks, which goes to show that the company is not hampered down by the usual studio executives. This mixture of Marvel deeply caring for their product and caring for their fans creates a universe that has been rightly praised and loved.

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Toddy Barry lives up to Louis C.K.’s standards

Recently, Louis C.K. has decided to keep his trend of S3 comedy going with the release of a new special he produced called “Todd Barry: The Crowd Work Tour.” Anyone who is a fan of Louis C.K. knows that his comedy often breaks molds that we may have not even noticed.

In his most recent special, he gave us a new view on parenting: specifically how boring it is; he even had a five-minute riff on one obnoxious child in his daughter’s kindergarten class (who he nicknamed Xanthapuss to avoid lawsuits). Every time he’s on stage, it’s safe to assume you’ll hear something you’ve never heard before — whether it’s a new topic he dares to speak on or just a fresh perspective on a tired one. Sometimes he goes a little too far, but you never know when it’ll happen and it’s always hilarious.

That’s why when he produced a new special for one of his good friends Todd Barry, who decided to do a comedy tour around the U.S. without writing a single joke, I jumped at the chance to watch it.

Without a doubt, it lived up to the C.K. caliber. It’s fun to watch a great comedian completely comfortable in an element so foreign to the usual routine. It’s hard to keep your composure as a viewer when you know that all it would take is one person to stump him, and the whole show would be ruined.

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**Baseball**

Garcia credits coaching staff for team’s early success

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It is no secret that FIU catcher Aramis Garcia has been lighting up the scores through the early part of this season for FIU Baseball. The junior from Pembroke Pines has played in all of the team’s 32 games and is currently hitting .364 on the season.

Garcia leads the team with five home runs and 69 total bases through those 32 games. His 26 runs batted in is tied for second place with third baseman Josh Anderson. Only sophomore Edwin Rios has driven in more runs than Garcia with 28 runs batted in.

Do not think, however, that Garcia is only focused on his offense. Heading into the weekend series with Old Dominion University, the FIU pitching staff leads the nation with a combined team era of 1.98. Also, as of April 6th, Garcia’s fielding percentage has remained around the .980 mark.

In spite of all of his early success this season at the plate, Garcia has not changed his approach whenever he goes up to bat since the end of last season. “Whenever I step into the box, I feel like I am in control,” Garcia said. “I just try to slow the game down, try to take it in my own pace and look for that one good pitch to hit. I know that I am in control until I get two strikes. Until then, I just try to keep it simple and try not to do too much at the plate.”

Garcia also credits most of his success towards the FIU Baseball coaching staff for the amount of training the team achieved during the offseason. “I worked hard in the fall with all of our coaches.” Garcia said. “I would have to give major credit to the coaches for what we have done this season as a team. I also worked a lot during the offseason.”

Garcia mentioned “I added about 10 pounds of muscle over the course of the offseason and worked on every part of my game as well.”

Garcia’s praise for the team does not end there. He believes that the team is going to give this far season and he has also learned the importance of playing hard every day. “I really think that as a team that we have a really special group of guys this year,” Garcia said. “What I’ve learned is that if I go out there and play hard everyday and do my part for this team, this team is going to do really well because we have a lot of really good players on this team.”

Although the Baseball team has enjoyed a lot of success this year, they need to reverse its fortunes against Conference USA teams. As of April 6th, FIU holds an overall record of 24 wins and 8 losses. However, seven of those losses have come against Conference USA opponents, causing FIU to slip towards the middle of the Conference USA standings, despite their overall record.

If the University wants to dethrone conference-favorite Rice, then they need to improve their record against Conference USA opponents. If not, a possible trip to the College World Series may be just out of reach for Panthers.

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**Swimming**

Perez earns C-USA Swimmer of the Year

**RUBEN PALACIOS**

Sports Director

Senior Sonia Perez helped FIU cap what is arguably its best swim season ever. Perez was named Conference-USA Swimmer of the Year, as voted upon by all the C-USA coaches.

Perez was the only C-USA swimmer to qualify for the finals and score at the NCAA Championships. Perez, an Honorable Mention All-American, swam in the 200 IM, 400 IM and the 200 backstroke at the NCAA Championships. A two-time C-USA Swimmer of the Week, Perez was a conference champion in the 400 IM and rode an undefeated streak in all meets up until competing at the NCAA Championships. Her 400 IM time at the C-USA Championships set a new championship record. Perez finished her FIU career with school records in the 500 freestyle, 1000 freestyle, 1650 freestyle and 400 IM.

Perez performed extremely well for the Panthers at the NCAA Championships, becoming the first swimmer in school history to qualify for the finals in an NCAA Championship event. Perez swam a preliminary time of 4:10.27 in the 400 IM, qualifying her for the evening session. She went on to swim even faster in the finals, earning a mark of 4:10.17, the second-fastest time in program history. She finished 13th overall at the NCAA's, the highest-ever finish for an FIU swimmer in any event.

Her accomplishments earned her an appearance on The Morning Swim Show last week to talk about her time at FIU and her recent shine. “I was really shocked because I was working for [swimming in the NCAA’s] the whole year,” Perez said while on the show. “I was really nervous.”

Perez also commented on being the highest-scoring Panther ever at the C-USA’s. “I was really happy. I just hope that this is motivation for upcoming freshmen, sophomores and juniors and I hope someone can beat my mark,” Perez said.

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**Baseball**

Panther pitcher awarded C-USA Pitcher of the Week

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After pitching a complete-game, five-hit shutout against conference rival Old Dominion last Sunday in the series finale, freshman starting pitcher Chris Moureille was named the Conference USA pitcher of the week.

With the win on Sunday, Moureille improved his record to 6-0 on the season after allowing only five total hits and striking out five Monarch batters. The freshman’s impressive game brought his season era down to 0.59, a team and conference low.

The next best era in the conference is held by senior Ryan Williams out of ECU with a 0.84. Moureille’s complete game shutout was Moureille’s second of the season and the 10th shutout in total for all Panther pitchers this season. The last time any FIU baseball team threw 10 shutouts in a season was 1995 when the team set a record with 16 total shutouts.

Moureille is on pace to break the C-USA individual single-season era record set by Louisville’s Carlos Fernandez back in 2003 with a 1.21 era. Mourelle will also have the chance to beat FIU’s single-season era record which is held by Joseph Mavret with a 1.20 era, set back in 1995.

Moureille, along with the rest of the FIU pitching staff, have combined for a team era of 1.63 through the Panthers’ 32 games this season. Last season, the team’s era through 32 games was a 4.52.

After their midweek contest against University of Louisiana-Monroe on Wednesday, April 10 it will be a weekend series against conference opponent Louisiana Tech beginning on April 11, where Moureille and the rest of the FIU baseball team will be able to display their talents.

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Thoughts on the FIU Athletic awards for the 2013-2014 seasons

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Graduated senior Greg Hickman received the Most Valuable Player award for Football in April of 2013 and continues to cover the semi-finals of the Men’s A Play off race, April 13 at 8:30.

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BECOMING A WRITER

Every Spring, students compete in a variety of competitive intramural sports at FIU. Although each team fights for the win on the field, few stand the test of remaining undefeated. This season, students witnessed an intense and proud athletic season of intramural sports that included soccer, flag football and dodgeball, each boasting the crème de la crème of FIU’s current intramural teams.

Kicking & Greeking

If you’re looking for a talented and all-around intense soccer league look no further than the fraternity and sorority soccer teams of FIU.

Sigma Phi Epsilon finished the season with an undefeated record of 8-0-0. They carried their perfect regular season record all the way through the playoffs where they defeated Phi Sigma Kappa, 6-0, and Sigma Alpha Mu 2-0. These victories landed them in the championship game against FIHI.

“With every game we get to know how much [player] plays with another so it’s constant team chemistry,” FIHI captain Joe Teresa said.

FIHI capped off the regular season with a perfect record of 4-0-0, only tying the first game of the season 1-1 against Sigma Alpha Mu. FIHI then defeated Theta Pi and Pi Kappa Phi to reach the final game. Here Sigma Phi Epsilon and FIHI squared off in a back and forth battle of the unbeaten. By the end of the night Sigma Phi Epsilon remained as the only completely undefeated team after the championship was decided by penalty kicks. The final score was 4-1.

On the women’s side, Tri Sigma and Alpha Omicron Pi took the top spots in the standings. Tri Sigma finished with a 4-0-1 regular season record while Alpha Omicron Pi finished the regular season with a 3-0-1 record. The two teams’ only tie came in the season opener against each other that ended in a 0-0 draw.

Although Tri Sigma did not win the A flag football game, suffering a significant loss to Alpha Delta Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi successfully advanced to the championship game. This came after defeating Phi Mu 8-0 and Phi Sigma Sigma 2-0.

“I think the reason we have been so successful is because we always try to have fun when we go on the field. I think forgetting that it is such a harsh competition helps us relax and just play with each other and do well together with no stress or anger,” Alpha Omicron Pi player Gabrielle Demmer said.

Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Xi Delta faced off in the championship game. Alpha Omicron Pi took home the championship and an undefeated record.

Are you ready for some (flag) football

No need to wait around for fall, football this year has come early in the form of FIU’s intramural flag football league. Sher- manaters and What, up, beach? are at the top of their division and the league, each boasting a perfect regular season record of 9-0-0. What up, beach? defeated Balls Deep and Panthers to reach the semi-finals, while Shermanaters, ironically, defeated Dreamkillers and Rob Ford.

The two teams will fight to keep the championship hopes and their undefeated record alive in the semi-finals of the Men’s A Play off race, April 13 at 8:30.

In the other semi final game, ADC will take on The John- ny’s, who also finished with an unbeaten record of 5-0-1.

The Five D’s: dodge, duck, dip, dive, dodge

This is the story of a true underdog sport but with one not so underdog team. Stlick Dappers are the talk of the Dodgeball Mini-League with an undefeated record of 7-0-0. Among these wins are notable victories against Miami Spring Ballers and Globo Gym.

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Spring intramurals: soccer, flag football, and dodgeball nearing championships

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Unlike the Oscars, the Grammys and the Tony’s, I actually care about athletic awards that are given out. It is getting towards that part of the year where collegiate athletes are wrapping up and finals are coming. This means that FIU held their athletic awards banquet for the 2013-2014 year. I actually like that the awards varied for different sports and that all of the division I teams each gave a most valuable player award, a leadership award, and at most, an most improved. Now there were sports that did that and I will probably write about some of the better awards in my opinion were the ones that weren’t shared.

Golf on its own

The golf team led by Head Coach Joe Vogel gave out the coach’s award and the freshman of the year award, which were given to senior Shelby Coyle and freshman Coralia Arias respectively.

It’s awards like that which I am completely okay with as a physical education coach for major. I know if I have to give out awards that I will not just only follow out the basic awards but awards like the Valuable Player.

I definitely agree after hearing about what these golfers have done on the course all year with awards along with sophomore Megan MacLaren getting named the team’s MVP.

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Football, which I covered starting back in April of 2013 and continue to cover gave out three pretty basic awards.

The leadership award, which was given to senior offensive tackle David Delsoin, would make sense as the line is the most important part of the game of football to me. Without the line it basically would be flag football. Giving Delsoin the award makes a lot of sense to me but I am sure that a lot of the reason why he got it is behind the scenes.

The Most Valuable Player award was named the most improved for the 2013-2014 season. I agree with this as it must take into account that this spring he has made a transition to more in the backfield at running back. I know for a fact that one of the players who the football team will most rely on will be Rhymes this may be an extra little push for his workload.

The player who was awarded the MVP award for football was graduated defensive lineman Greg Hickman, who in my opinion has the highest chance of going to the NFL in next month’s draft, was a clear cut decision for this award in my opinion. I truly think that he was the on-the-field leader for the football team and even though it wasn’t their best season, that he stood out. That makes him the best choice for me.

Overall

Even though not every sport was greatly successful this year it is fine to give them all recognition for the hard work and dedication that they showed in 2013-2014. I, as a member of Panther Nation, have hope that it will improve for 2014-2015 but these athletes do deserve the awards that they got.

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Graduated senior Greg Hickman received the Most Valuable Player award for football at the 2013-2014 Athletic Awards Banquet.
"Big Bang Theory" star talks science and education

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Mayim Bialik, who plays Amy Farrah Fowler on "The Big Bang Theory," struggled for a B- in organic chemistry as an undergraduate in the University of California, Los Angeles, among other science classes.

But today, Bialik holds a doctorate in neuroscience, is the spokesperson for Texas Instruments and works with De-Vry University to encourage young girls to learn more about the STEM fields: science, technology, electronics and math. She is also a modern Orthodox Jew and has helped lead studies at UCLA's Hillel organization.

Bialik was at the Biscayne Bay Campus on Monday, April 7, as the last guest speaker for the Student Government Association's release week. She spoke to an audience of close to 400 students, alumni and members of the community.

"I'm a scientist," Bialik said. "I love the ability to put a positive face and a female face on science."

Bialik started acting when she was about 11. She did guest spots on several shows and had a movie role in the 1980s. One of her best-known roles was that of Blossom Russo in "Blossom," an early 1990s family sitcom that aired in prime-time for five years.

After "Blossom," Bialik made the decision to take time off to focus on her education. Although Bialik said she was never naturally good at math or science, her biology tutor, a dental student, made her fall in love with the field.

My assumption that because I wasn't good at something meant I could never be good at it was not true," said Bialik. "I just needed to learn it differently and I needed more time to learn it.

Not having the grades to go to medical school didn't stop Bialik from continuing her work in the sciences. She continued her graduate studies in UCLA, during which she married and had her first child. She was eight months pregnant when she finished her PhD in neuroscience.

"That's the level of understanding of the human experience that I wanted to have," said Bialik, who became fascinated by the electrophysiology of neurons. At the end of her doctorate, Bialik had to choose between her career as a post-doctoral researcher and her family. By choosing to pass on research to be close to her children, Bialik knew that her degree would not maintain the same value.

"This is difficult to talk about because we women are told we can't have it all, but it all and do it all," said Bialik. "But you cannot physically be in two places at once or make more of yourself than there is."

She taught science to middle and high school students for five years after getting her degree and decided to give acting another try.

When Bialik auditioned for "The Big Bang Theory," she had never heard about the show. She watched about 15 seconds of Jim Parsons play Sheldon Cooper and knew she could fill the part.

"I'm a scientist who went to grad school. I know tons of people like this. That's not even acting," she said.

Bialik said she loves playing a character who is awkward and a frumpy dresser. "The Esquire image of biting on your glasses with your shirt open and wearing a thong is not how most of us do science," she said.

Bialik said her faith shapes the way she dresses and presents herself on screen and in public. The notions of modesty in Judaism appeal to her, especially as a public person.

"Everybody gets to own a piece of me publicly. For me, it's been a feminist notion to take aspects of Judaism that try to protect how much of everybody gets to have. That's been really empowering," she said.

Bialik's work in TV, science, parenting, nutrition and within the Jewish community attracted a lot of members of the community to come see her speak at BBC.

Students and teachers from MAST Academy were among members of the audience, along with other students who admire Bialik's work.

Luz Delgadillo, a high school student, found out about the event from her sister.

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Edwin Serrano, a graduate assistant in the BBC LGBTQA Initiatives, said Campus Life has been the Godfather of every program. According to Serrano, "Release Week as we know it has been a tradition [at BBC]." Bialik praised Campus Life, saying that it has been helpful to his department.

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Faculty Senate talks innovation and funding

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Transit Day gets students excited about their commutes

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The South Florida Commuter Services teamed up with the Office of Sustainability and Parking and Transportation to bring not only the Miami-Dade County Transportation Office to speak with students about different transit options as part of Transit Day on April 9, but also Miami Heat Dancers, Burnie the Mascot and former NBA guard Tim Hardaway Jr., but also Miami Heat Dancers, Burnie the Mascot and former NBA guard Tim Hardaway Jr., to get students excited about their commutes.

According to Glorimar Maldonado, an Office of Sustainability intern and sophomore psychology major, 49,000 of the larger than 50,000 student population commutes to FIU.

“That is a big carbon emission that we put out every year,” Maldonado said.

Irene D. Ferradaz, a representative from Miami-Dade Transit, informed students about the college discount program, which gives 50 percent off of a monthly pass.

“All buses, including the premium routes and the metro rail are included in that. It is sold at the parking authority where people buy their parking passes and stuff like that,” Ferradaz said. “We also have a corporate discount program for people who work at FIU, which offers them between 10 and 15 percent off of a monthly pass.”

Ferradaz spoke about other options, too: carpooling, public transit and finding alternative ways to campus.

“Besides the monetary savings, it is also about reducing your carbon footprint, saving money on gas and [not having] to deal with parking,” Ferradaz said.

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University tackles performance and technology in Faculty Senate meeting

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Gray himself also commented on the need for an updated education in his election speech. He alluded to an anec-
dot about people calling the automo-
tive a back in the day, saying that the
“same thing is going to happen with elec-
tronic media.”

“Classrooms in this day and age require leaders, not
followers,” Gray said.

Following the President, the Provost commented on curric-
ulum reform and other initiatives. The Provost also
expressed concerns with the performance model. Kenneth
Jessel, CFO of the University, followed with his take on the finan-
cial problems the University faces. He was concerned with whether or not the new performance funding model would meet the institution’s BOG “cost of living.” One of the tech-

cological innovations that was looked to by the Faculty Senate was the development of the University’s MOOC accreditation program.

“Interpret media” previously reported on the ideas the
Online Review Committee considered in its report which included a CLEP-like test to eliminate core credit.

Susan Clemmons, Associate Dean of the Department of Decision Sciences & Information Systems, and Kristen Nich-
ols-Lopez, Associate Chair and Director of Undergraduate Studies of the Depart-
ment of Psychology, spoke to the Senate about the new proposal.

“We need to find a solution to capture the magic of FIU,” Clemmons said.

Clemmons later mentioned that there would be a “chal-
ging exam,” which will allow students to
obtain credit.

“We want to trans-
late what makes FIU courses unique into the MOOC, and we want to translate that into the exam,” said Nichols-Lopez.

The Faculty Senate then closed with a United Faculty of Florida Report that cited the updates on their website, uff.fiu.edu.

For more informa-
tion on the meeting, students can visit facultysenate.fiu.edu.

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New York Times Reporter

Former NBA guard Tim Hardaway visits University for Transit Day

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Incentive Plan.

“We actually pay students, faculty and staff who work on those expressways,” Abi Daher said. “We have the carpool spots on campus that will be expanded [in number] and they can be used by faculty, staff and students.

We have a hanging sign where they use the spots and[...]

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CSO was the organi-
tization that brought in the members of the Heat organi-
ization and the reason the Abi Daher gave was that it would bring in as many students as possible.

They also have incentive programs for carpooling that help out not only students, but faculty and staff as well.

Right now, they have a promotion called the 826/836

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University offers Panthers freedom to express themselves

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We often hear complaints regarding decisions made in the United States and how things should be, but let's step back. Reflect on some of the major issues going on in the world right now.

Venezuela is currently fighting communism; people have stood up and made their voices heard. On-campus, honorable Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, President Mark B. Rosenberg and many students got together and voiced their displeasure with what is going on in Venezuela.

It's a beautiful thing to live in a country where we can express ourselves no matter where we're from or what beliefs we may have. Seeings stands in Graham Center for the students supporting the fight against injustice is truly something great.

Diversity at the University is something seen daily, whether we're walking to grab something to eat or running to the next class. It can be seen on individuals and in events. Adnan Saeed, senior psychology major, served as the president of the Pakistani Students Alliance and has contributed to the diversity seen on-campus. He has done a lot to spread an understanding of the Pakistani culture in Miami.

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I work 17 hours a week and make $7.79 an hour. That means that every month I make about $530. Every month I’m charged $213 for health care because of this. I mean, guys, he admitted to 14 fines, I still have to spend 39 percent of what I make in a month on ineffective health care and that to me is punishment. Why is he in charge? His decision is not my fault and I shouldn’t be punished for it.

While I’m exempt from paying these fines, I still have to spend 39 percent of what I make in a month on ineffective health care and that to me is punishment enough.

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What’s a poor college student to do?
University to participate in Miami Pride Parade

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The University is celebrating LGBTQA pride throughout the month of April. The celebrations started April 2 and will extend through May 2.

Several events have already occurred. Some events include the panel discussion “Loving Without Limitations: When an LGBTQ Loved One Comes Out” and the Lavender Graduation and Recognition Dinner. During the latter, graduating students who are part of the LGBTQA community were recognized for their academic achievements and leadership contributions in the University.

One significant event is the Miami Beach Gay Pride Parade and Festival which is being held on Sunday, April 13, at South Beach. FIU expects to have an important role in the parade.

“We have officially participated with the LGBTQA Initiatives for two years. There have been previous FIU groups that have walked, but not as a utilized front as we have been for the past two years,” said Gisela Vega, associate director of the LGBTQA Initiatives in the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services.

In addition to President Mark B. Rosen-
berg attending for the second time. Vega expects over 200 to 300 alumni, faculty, staff and students from the University to attend the parade.

Student involvement is especially prominent in the event due to the course "LGBT with a theme and how we want to represent FIU at the parade," said Oscar Loyoza, director of Student Health Services.

I think this is very important because it lets the community know that we respect diversity and that we appreciate people right behind the float of Grand Marshals Gloria Estefan and Kenny Ortega.

Before the parade, an alumni, faculty and staff breakfast will be taking place at the Wolfsonian-FIU museum.

“We’re starting an LGBTQA alumni association here at the university, so we’re hoping to bring more community members to FIU and let them know FIU is a very different place now and that it is very supportive,” said Vega.

Transportation is departing from Modesto A. Maidique Campus at 8 a.m. and will be available for the first 50 students.

“I expect folks to have a great time, that people see FIU is a supportive place for all of our students and community members — regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression — that we include everybody, [and] that they get to see FIU as a leader in terms of how progressive we are,” said Vega.

I think being a part of the parade and having them see a prominent local University is supporting the effort sends a really strong message of support to the community.

Oscar Loyoza
Director Student Health Services
Marvel cares about fans and their products

The Marvel Universe is a deeply beloved one that has been created on the silver screen and brought to life by talented actors, writers, and filmmakers. These films have made much money and continue to be popular as they are released. Fans of Marvel in general have voiced their massive approval of the films, going crazy over small references that the casual viewer may not catch.

Marvel clearly cares about its characters; the filmmakers and writers hired tend to be respectful to the source material and have an understanding of the mythology. This mixture of Marvel mythology and its characters can often break molds that we may not even notice.

Marvel’s work is a universe that has been rightly praised but hated by audiences due to a few things that the writer-director changed. Still, when such controversy comes about, there are many fans that applaud Marvel for taking such risks, which goes to show that the company is not hampered down by the usual studio executives. This mixture of Marvel deeply caring for their product and caring for their fans creates a universe that has been rightly praised and loved.

Todd Barry lives up to Louis C.K.’s standards

Recently, Louis C.K. has decided to keep his trend of $5 comedy going with the release of a new special he produced called “Todd Barry: The Crowd Work Tour.”

Anyone who is a fan of Louis C.K. knows that his comedy often breaks molds that we may have not even noticed.

In his most recent special, he gave us a new view on parenting: specifically about how boring it is; he even had a five-minute riff on one obnoxious child in his daughter’s kindergarten class (who he nicknamed Xanthapuss to avoid lawsuits).

When people now think of Iron Man, Robert Downey Jr. is the first thing someone thinks about. “Iron Man” becomes well regarded and liked because of Downey Jr., who many would agree is the best part of the Iron Man films. It gets to a point that people can’t imagine anyone playing Tony Stark.

Digging at what makes the Marvel films so popular could have much to do with their being around for a long time. The Incredible Hulk has been around for about fifty or so years and has remained popular ever since. When a motion picture comes out, the fan base is huge, as well as well acted, as well as well acted, and well liked.

Without a doubt, it lived up to its hype to follow. "Iron Man 3" can be critically praised but hated by audiences due to a few things that the writer-director changed. Still, when such controversy comes about, there are many fans that applaud Marvel for taking such risks, which goes to show that the company is not hampered down by the usual studio executives. This mixture of Marvel deeply caring for their product and caring for their fans creates a universe that has been rightly praised and loved.

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Several local acts performed at Will Call on Saturday, April 5 for a split release party, including Space Between Words, The Vilifiers and Sunghosts (above).
Garcia credits coaching staff for team’s early success

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It is no secret that FIU catcher Aramis Garcia has been lighting up the scores through the early part of this season for FIU Baseball. The junior from Pembroke Pines has played in all of the team's 32 games and is currently hitting .364 on the season.

Garcia leads the team with five home runs and 69 total bases through those 32 games. His 26 runs batted in is tied for second place with third baseman Josh Anderson. Only sophomore Edwin Rios has driven in more runs with 28 runs batted in. In do not think, however, that Garcia is only focused on his offense. Heading into the weekend series with Old Dominion University, the FIU pitching staff leads the nation with a combined team earned run average of just 1.63. Also, as of April 6th, Garcia’s fielding percentage has remained around the .980 mark.

In spite of all of his early success this season at the plate, Garcia has not changed his approach whenever he goes up to bat. "I really think that as a team that we have a really special group of guys this year," Garcia said. "What I’ve learned is that if I go up there and play hard everyday and do my part for this team, this team is going to do really well because we have a lot of really good players on this team."

Although the Baseball team has enjoyed a lot of success this year, they need to reverse its fortunes against Conference teams. As of April 6th, FIU holds an overall record of 24 wins and 8 losses. However, seven of those losses have come against Conference USA opponents, causing FIU to slip towards the middle of the Conference USA standings, despite their overall record.

If the University wants to dethrone conference-favorite Rice, then they need to improve their record against Conference USA opponents. If not, a possible trip to the College World Series may be just out of reach for Panthers.

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SMINING

Perez earns C-USA Swimmer of the Year

RUBEN PALACIOS
Sports Director

Senior Sonia Perez helped FIU cap what is arguably its best swim season ever. Perez was named Conference-USA Swimmer of the Year, as voted upon by all the C-USA coaches.

Perez was the only C-USA swimmer to qualify for the finals and score at the NCAA Championships. Perez set a new championship record. Perez finished her FIU career with school records in the 500 freestyle, 1000 freestyle, 1650 freestyle and 400 IM.

Perez performed extremely well for the Panthers at the NCAA Championships, becoming the first swimmer in school history to qualify for the finals in an NCAA Championship event. Perez swam a preliminary time of 4:10.27 in the 400 IM, qualifying her for the evening session.

She went on to swim even faster in the finals, earning a mark of 4:10.17, the second-fastest time in program history. She finished 13th overall at the NCAA’s, the highest-ever finish for an FIU swimmer in any event.

Her accomplishments earned her an appearance on The Morning Swim Show last week to talk about her time at FIU and her recent shine. "I was really shocked because I was working for [swimming in the NCAA’s] the whole year," Perez said while on the show. "I was really nervous."

Perez also commented on being the highest-scoring Panther ever at the C-USA’s.

"I was really happy. I just hope that this is motivation for upcoming freshmen, sophomores and juniors and I hope someone can beat my mark," Perez said.

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BASEBALL

Junior catcher Aramis Garcia is the driving force behind FIU’s great start. Garcia has played in all 32 FIU games and is among the top players when it comes to batting average at a .364 clip.

Panther pitcher awarded C-USA Pitcher of the Week

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Sports Director

After pitching a complete-game, five-hit shutout against conference rival Old Dominion last Sunday in the series finale, freshman starting pitcher Chris Moulere was named the Conference USA pitcher of the week.

With the win on Sunday, Moulere improved his record to 6-0 on the season after allowing only five total hits and striking out five Monarch batters. The freshman’s impressive game brought his season era down to 0.59, a team and conference low.

The next best era in the conference is held by senior Ryan Williams out of ECU with a 0.84. The complete game shutout was Moulere’s second of the season and the 10th shutout in total for all Panther pitchers this season. The last time any FIU baseball team threw 10 shutouts in a season was 1995 when the team set a record with 16 total shutouts.

Moulere is on pace to break the C-USA individual single-season era record set by Louisville’s Carlos Fernandez back in 2003 with a 1.21 era. Moulere will also have the chance to break FIU’s single-season era record which is held by Joseph Burns with a 1.20 era, set back in 1995.

Moulere, along with the rest of the FIU pitching staff, have combined for a team era of 1.63 through the Panthers’ 32 games this season. Last season, the team’s era through 32 games was a 4.52.

After their midweek contest against University of Louisiana-Monroe on Wednesday, April 10 it will be a weekend series against conference opponent Louisiana Tech beginning on April 11, where Moulere and the rest of the FIU baseball team will be able to display their talents.

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**INTRAMURALS**

**Spring intramurals: soccer, flag football, and dodgeball nearing championships**

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Every Spring, students compete in a variety of competitive intramural sports at FIU. Although each team fights for the win on the field, few stand the test of remaining undefeated. This season, students witnessed an intense and prideful athletic season of intramural sports that included soccer, flag football and dodgeball, each boasting the crème de la crème of FIU’s current intramural teams.

**Kicking & Greeking**

If you’re looking for a talented and all-around intense soccer league look no further than the fraternity and sorority soccer league. The Five D’s: dodge, duck, dive, dip, and dodge.

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**INTERVIEWS**

**Thoughts on the FIU Athletic awards for the 2013-2014 seasons**

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**COLUMNIST**

Unlike the Oscars, the Grammys and the Tony’s I actually care about athletic awards that are given out. It is getting towards that part of the year where collegiate athletics are wrapping up and finals are coming. This means FIU will hold their athletic awards banquet for the 2013-2014 year.

I actually like that the awards varied for different sports and that all of the division I-A teams each gave a most valuable player award, a leadership award, and a most improved award. Now there were sports that did that and I will peak some of the better awards in my opinion were the ones that weren’t shared.

**Golf on its own**

The golf team led by Head Coach Joe Vogel gave out the coach’s award and the freshman of the year award, which were given to senior Shelby Coyle and freshman Coralia Arias respectively.

It’s awards like that which I am completely okay with. This is a physical education for coaching major. I know if I have to give out awards that I will not just only follow out the basic awards but awards like this I am in for.

I definitely agree after hearing about what these golfers have done on the course all year with awarding them those awards along with sophomore Megan MacLaren getting named the team’s MVP.

*Just keep on hustlin’*

Multiple teams such as tennis, men’s track and field, volleyball, baseball and softball all gave out an interesting award called the hustle award.

I am not sure exactly what the description of that award entails but I know that it has to be something good. Tennis gave the award to senior Giulietta Boha, who was the only senior on the team, which made sense. Men’s track and field gave it to sophomore heptathlete/decathlete Chris Sullivan and anyone who does that many events in track and field definitely deserves a hustle award in my book.

Plus I know Sullivan personally and he is one of the hardest working athletes that I know. Volleyball honored sophomore Adriana McLaugh and I never saw a volleyball game but I am sure that it was well deserved. Head Coach Turtle Thomas gave his hustle award to junior Josh Anderson. I have seen some baseball this season and I actually agree with this definition of this award. Softball’s coach gave it to senior Bre Kaye and after watching softball I couldn’t agree more that her play should be awarded.

**Women’s soccer stands out**

The women’s soccer team did not name an MVP.

The awards that were given were the Spring Panther award, which was given to freshman Pat Tomlin, I would guess that it is the player with the best personality, but I am not sure. I admit that I never saw a women’s game this past year but I will completely agree with all of the awards that were given.

Junior Johanna Volz was honored with being the 2013-2014 women’s soccer leadership award recipient. That makes sense and is a usual reward so it is fine by me. The final award that was handed out was the hard hat award given to junior Mariette Egan. My guess is that it is a player who overcomes adversity and even though I do not know what it was, I back anyone that can overcome adversity.

*The stuff I actually know*

Football, which I covered starting back in April of 2013 and continue to cover gave out three pretty basic awards.

The leadership award, which was given to senior offensive tackle David Delsoin, would make sense as the line is the most important part of the game of football to me. Without the lines it would basically be flag football. Giving Delsoin the award makes a lot of sense to me but I am sure that a lot of the reason why he got it is behind the scenes.

Volleyball’s receiver and running back Dominique Rhymes was named the most improved for the 2013-2014 season. I agree with this as it must take into account that this spring he has made a transition more in the backfield at running back. I know for a fact that one of the players who the football team will most rely on will be Rhymes as this may be an extra little push for his workload.

The player who was awarded the MVP award for football was graduated defensive lineman Greg Hickman, who in my opinion has the highest chance of going to the NFL in next month’s draft, was a clear cut decision for this award in my opinion. I truly think that he was the on-the-field leader for the football team and even though it wasn’t their best season, that he stood out. That makes him the best choice for me.

*Overall*

Even though not every sport was greatly successful this year it is fine to give them all recognition for the hard work and dedication that they showed in 2013-2014. I, as a member of Panther Nation, have hope that it will improve for 2014-2015 but these athletes do deserve the awards that they got.

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“Big Bang Theory” star talks science and education

Mayim Bialik, who plays Amy Farrah Fowler on "The Big Bang Theory," struggled for a B- in organic chemistry as an undergraduate in the University of California, Los Angeles, for two years.

But today, Bialik holds a doctorate in neuroscience, is the spokesperson for Texas Instruments and works with DeVry University to encourage young girls to learn more about the STEM fields: science, technology, electronics and math. She is also a modern Orthodox Jew and has helped lead studies at UCLA's Heilman Laboratory.

Bialik was at the Biscayne Bay Campus on Monday, April 7, as the last guest speaker for the Student Government Association’s lecture series. She spoke to an audience of close to 400 students, alumni and members of the community.

"When I think about the impact of being a recognized person and walking the red carpet is nice, but she identifies herself as a scientist more than an actress and uses her public image advocate for STEM education."

"I love the ability to put a positive face and a female face on science."

Bialik started acting when she was about 11. She did guest spots on several shows and had a movie role in the 1980s. One of her best-known roles was that of Blossom Russo in “Blossom,” an early 1990s family sitcom that aired in prime-time for five years.

After “Blossom,” Bialik made the decision to take time off to focus on her education. Although Bialik said she was never naturally good at math or science, her biology tutor, a dental student, made her fall in love with the field.

"My assumption that because I wasn’t good at something meant I could never be good at it was not true," said Bialik. "I just needed to learn it differently and I needed more time to learn it.

"Not having the grades to go to medical school didn’t stop Bialik from continuing her work in the sciences. She continued her graduate studies in UCLA during which she married and had her first child. She was eight months pregnant when she finished her PhD in neuroscience.

"That’s the level of understanding of the human experience that I wanted to have,” said Bialik, who became fascinated by the electrophysiology of neurons.

At the end of her doctorate, Bialik had to choose between her career as a post-doctoral researcher and her family. By choosing to pass on research to be close to her children, Bialik knew that her degree would not maintain the same value.

"This is difficult to talk about because we want to encourage young people to do what they love and pursue what they love. She told the students that after graduating, she continued to take aspects of Judaism that try to protect how much of you everybody gets to have. That’s been really empowering," she said.

"Bialik’s work in TV, science, parenting, nutrition and within the Jewish community attracted a lot of members of the community to come see her speak at BBC."

Students and teachers from MAST Academy were among members of the audience, along with other students who admire Bialik’s work.

Luz Delgadillo, a high school student, found out about the event from her sister, Ynova Delgadillo, a sophomore biomedical engineering major. She asked Bialik about her work as a scientist, because she was interested in the field as well.

Bialik said that although her degree has lost weight since she earned it, she uses her knowledge to encourage young girls to pursue careers in sciences.

"Women are underrepresented in almost any field," said Bialik.

Release Week to include spas and gay rights

With finals approaching, the Department of Campus Life and the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services joined forces to host events throughout the upcoming week at Biscayne Bay Campus.

Release Week starts on Monday, April 14, with a kickoff event combined with an LBTTQA Pride Week celebration, both departments “combined efforts to do both.”

Edwin Serrano, graduate assistant in the BBC LGBTQA Initiatives, commented on the collaboration.

"We decided to do a gay celebration," serrano said. "We have invited over eight organizations in the Miami Dade and Broward community."

Serrano pointed to the Stonewall National Museum and Archives as another organization that will be attending. He said that these organizations would attempt to educate students on LGBTQ issues.

"It’s a resource fair," he said. "Students that participate in every event will be receiving a “passport” that is marked at each table visit. Students that participate in every table are provided with a free lunch."

"We are really providing resources to help educate not only students," Serrano said.

According to Serrano, the goal is to open the eyes to all students.

Bennett mentioned various planned occasions in his interview with Student Media, including a day of complete relaxation. Another event, Spa Day, will be held at Panther Square on Wednesday, April 16, from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Bennett said that Spa Day will have free spa services for students, including a barbershop for men, nail polish and makeup for women and free massages for all. Something else to look forward to that day is a giveaway.

"The workshop will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and it will be held at the theater, Bermeo said. The first 40 attendees will be served, so first come, first served. Additionally, MPAS will be holding the Day of Silence during Release Week.

According to Serrano, “Release Week as we know it has been a tradition [at BBC].”

Serrano praised Campus Life, saying that it has been helpful to his department.

"Campus Life has been the Godfather of every program," he said. “Everything we need — they’re always there.”