New master of laws program launches in the fall

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Prospective foreign attorneys from countries like Nigeria, El Salvador, Italy, New Zealand, Argentina, Vietnam, France, Belgium, Costa Rica and Croatia will soon set foot at FIU’s College of Law.

Due to this increase in attendance, the fair and the University. These are the incoming students who completed the Alternative Breaks Scavenger Hunt. Alternative Breaks recruited and informed new students of the experience.

Drug Free Florida, a committee chaired by Carlton Turner, funded a website making false accusations about medicinal marijuana in hopes of turning away voters from Florida’s Constitutional Amendment 2.

Medical marijuana bill up to vote in November

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Though there have been much controversy, the medicinal marijuana bill has cleared the Florida senate and will be put to a vote in November.

The bill would only allow those with debilitating diseases to have access to a specific strain of marijuana called Charlotte’s Web.

This strain is high on non-euphoric chemical tetrahydrocannabinol and low in the high-inducing chemical tetrahydrocannabinol.

Some of the controversy among Florida residents stems from fear for the future. Though more than the Charlotte’s Web strain of marijuana would be available to those with debilitating diseases if Florida’s Amendment 2 is passed; the Florida Department of Health would register and regulate production and distribution.

Fair says ‘NO’ as relocation initiative gains momentum

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Despite the recent county support for the University’s efforts to acquire the fairgrounds, the fair has shown it will not go quietly.

Now that the Miami-Dade Commissioners instructed county mayor Carlos Gimenez to provide a referendum to put to the voters the University initiative to expand into the 86 acres of land adjacent to Modesto A. Maidique Campus, the fair has responded by lobbying to members of the community.

At the memorandum from Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition Inc. on July 24, CEO Robert Hohenstein said the fair “has no need or desire to relocate,” citing a 22 percent increase in attendance as a sign that fairs are growing in popularity.

Due to this increase in attendance, the fair’s board of directors voted to extend the run time of the Youth Fair for the first time in 30 years, adding a fourth weekend. Though there has been much controversy, the medicinal marijuana bill has cleared the Florida senate and will be put to a vote in November.
Russia finds friend in China as world focuses on blame for Ukraine crash

Russian President Vladimir Putin may feel increasingly isolated after the downing last week of Malaysian Airlines Flight 17, but on the world stage he knows he has at least one reliable friend: China’s leader, Xi Jinping. Putin and Xi have spent lots of time together in the last 18 months, and over the past week the Chinese media that Xi controls have blasted the West for suggesting that Putin bears responsibility for the downing of MH17. “The Western rush to judge Russia is not based on evidence or logic,” the newspaper Global Times, an offshoot of the government-owned People’s Daily, said in an editorial Monday. “Russia has been back-footed, forced into a passive stance by Western reaction. It is yet another example of the power of Western opinion as a political tool.” For his part, Xi has been careful in his public comments, calling for a “cool and objective” probe of the disaster and expressing condolences for the 298 lives lost.

Several other embassies have been abandoned, and shut down the international airport in Tripoli, which has been closed and its staff taken to safety in France. "Regrettably, we had to take this step,” said BBC Managing Editor, Production Manager/Multimedia Editor, Franca Rosa Rio, in a statement. Following Caroline Lorenzo’s resignation, the position of speaker pro tempore was up for grabs, and the senate met on July 21 to consider both Alcala and a second candidate, both of whom stepped up to fill the position.

Alcala’s opponent, Senator At-Large and Chair of the Internal Affairs/Review Committee Nicholas Recuset, cited a previous position in which he executed tasks that were similar to those left to the charge of the speaker pro tempore, failing, however, to provide specific examples of tasks. “[Senator Alcala] spoke a lot about his accomplishments in his past positions,” said College of Arts and Sciences Senator Hanna Habib. “Whereas [Senator Recuset] just spoke about his positions but not necessarily about what he did to fulfill them or what he made him stand out from other senators.”

However, Alcala’s experience as member of the advocacy, finance and technology fee committees, having dealt with budget hearings, put him ahead. “I’d just like to start off with Senator Alcala’s experi-

ence with budget and its latest on the budget hearings,” said Nico Pasquarrello, FIU Honors College senator. “That’s just stuff that Senator Recuset lacks that Alcala has.” After deliberating, the majority of the senators voted in favor of Alcala as the new speaker pro tempore, with the exception of Speaker of the Senate Charles Perroni, who did not vote, and College of Nursing and Health Sciences Senator Samantha Joseph, who abstained from voting. Although Alcala remains CARTA senator, he vacated his position as finance chair, which, according to Alcala, At-Large Senator and Vice Chair of the Finance Committee Kristie Rego Rice interested in.

Following the congratulatory remarks aimed at Alcala, the Graduate and Professional Student Committee’s Chair and Graduate Senator Rhett Williamson, updated the senate. According to Williamson, his committee met on July 11 and, among other things, approved 10 out of 12 applications from graduate students interested in acquiring funds to attend the Florida Student Association Planning Conference, hosted at Florida State University on July 25. FSA is a board on which every Florida Public University’s student body president sits.

Calatayud and her counterpart parts came together to mount a united front for issues and concerns of the 300,000 public university students at the state level.

Calatayud and the FSA’s other attending members discussed strategies for outreach, awareness and development of educational and engagement campaigns, placing emphasis on legislative priorities.

Calatayud also discussed her intention to potentially accompany SGC-MMC Vice President Tiffany Roman-Billia in Washington D.C. next week to discuss the importance of GradLink to the community in meetings with South Florida congressmen and women.

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SGC-MMC discusses graduate funding and town hall meetings

New L.L.M. degree educates prospective foreign attorneys

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**Don't be afraid to doubt yourself**

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At last month’s Electronic Entertainment Expo, video game developers presented their latest wares to the masses of content-hungry gamers. The game that caused the most commotion was Ubisoft’s “Assassin’s Creed Unity,” but not for its riveting gameplay or captivating storyline. Ubisoft’s latest addition to their historical fiction franchise introduced multiplayer gameplay, where gamers play cooperatively as four different characters instead of solely the protagonist. The problem? Four characters are white men.

When asked why the company didn’t include a female playable character, Ubisoft Creative Director Alex Amuno said, “It’s double the animations, it’s double the voices all that stuff and double the visual assets — especially because we have customizable avatars. It was really a lot of extra production work. Because of that, the common denominator was Arno [the white male protagonist].” It’s not like we could cut our main characters, so the only logical option, the only option we had, was to cut the female avatar.”

Amuno said that “more than 8,000 animators would have had to be on a different screen on a different day.”

The internet was quick to call out Ubisoft as #womenaretoohardtoanimate trended on twitter. Some pointed out the statement, while others vowed to never buy an “Assassin’s Creed” game again. Former Ubisoft designer Jonathan Cooper tweeted in his “educated opinion,” [he] would estimate this to be a day or two’s work. Not a replacement of 8,000 animators.

For a company that tends to be very thorough with their historical research, Ubisoft failed to notice that the most important assassin during the French Revolution was, in fact, a woman. Charlotte Corday assassinated Jacobin politician Marat, and was guillotined for her actions at the age of 24. Considering the franchise’s close ties to history, Corday would have made an interesting playable character.

While Ubisoft was discussing what seemed to be a sordid excuse for their lack of diversity, Nintendo was introducing a plethora of playable female characters. Most notable was “Hyrule Warriors,” a cooperative open world game based on the popular “The Legend of Zelda” series. Gamers can play a number of characters from the franchise, including Princess Zelda, Impa and Link. So far, all the playable characters introduced so far have been male.

When questioned about gender equality, Nintendo’s Yoshinori Ono claimed that it was his “philosophy” to feature a balance of male and female characters. When asked whether the game excluded any gender, Ono said, “I don’t know if there’s any gender exclusion.”

Despite Nintendo’s refusal to admit that women are not the primary audience for their games, new data shows otherwise. A 2014 study by the Entertainment Software Association revealed that, despite the fact that men have historically dominated the gaming population, women represent a significantly greater portion of the gaming population today, 53 percent, than boys age 18 or younger, 29 percent.

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It would be wrong to say the video game industry hasn’t changed, but there are still men in high positions who refuse to admit that women are an important part of gaming. Until these men are replaced or they change their mentality, women will continue to be too hard to animate.

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Two bands meet for one memorable night

Music festival gives new perspective to Overtown

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As dark clouds rolled over the Cruzan Amphitheater in West Palm Beach on July 25, Paramore — the first of two headlining bands for the night — opened up with its recent smash hit, “Still Into You.”

The band, lead by front-woman Hayley Williams, was instantly welcomed by roaring cheers from fans who, in accordance with Williams’s on-stage antics, couldn’t keep their feet on the ground and jumped right along with her.

The band’s opener was a decent beginning to get the crowd going. Die-hard fans chosen a fan named Derrick who wore a shirt printed with every Paramore concert he attended and didn’t get to meet his favorite band.

Having just finished a tour for their latest self-titled album that was released last year, this concert was dedicated more so to the original hits that put Paramore on the map.

Playing songs like “Misery Business” and “The Only Exception” reminded you why you fell in love with them 10 years ago — it was an undeniable intimate moment in the show.

Paramore surprised the crowd by stopping in the middle of the song and inviting fans to sing the bridge alongside Williams. During the Tampa show, Williams chose a fan named Derrick who wore a shirt printed with every Paramore concert he attended and didn’t get to meet his favorite band.

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Music and arts festival brings community together

The Overtown Music Festival brought out several notable names in the South Florida community. Felicia Monroe and Shelby Rushin from WEDR 99 Jamz were present, Jill Tracey from WHQT Hot 105 was there and even Luther “Uncle Luke” Campbell made an appearance.

“My parents are from Overtown. People who came from the Bahamas migrated to Overtown,” said Campbell.

According to Campbell, during the times of segregation, black entertainers were allowed to go to Miami Beach to perform, but they would have to stay in Overtown.

The Overtown Music Festival brought a day of entertainment, connection and fun to the residents of Overtown.

According to the commissioner, there were no arrest or altercations for the whole day of the festival.

With all the people that came and effort that was put into this year’s show, this was a display of how the city of Miami cares for all parts of Miami. “People were proud today. I want to thank everyone who came to an event that made people of this community smile,” said Hardemon.

Headliner Market Group and Hardemon have their eyes fixed to next year’s festival.
The Calabrese era begins for men's soccer

New men's soccer Head Coach Scott Calabrese (right) talks to sophomore defender Marvin Hezel as they watch professional men's soccer action at the FIU Soccer Stadium.

The Calabrese era begins for men's soccer

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This fall, the FIU men's soccer team will have a new man at the helm—Scott Calabrese. Coach Calabrese took over the program early this year and will try and improve on a disappointing 6-10-1 record from 2013.

"Ultimately, we want to create a culture around the style we’re going to play," Calabrese said. "We’ve had the spring, which has been very good because we’ve made a lot of progress. But, this preseason will be very important to get everyone on the same page."

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Calabrese’s coaching track record speaks for itself. He played professionally as a member of the Rhode Island Stingrays before beginning his course as a head coach. Calabrese spent the early years of his coaching career as an assis- tant coach at perennial Division I powerhouse: the University of North Carolina and Clemson University.

In 2008, Calabrese was brought in to start a soccer program at East Tennessee State University. Calabrese brought the program from non-existence into the national scene. Under his guidance, ETSU won two Atlantic Sun Conference Championships and competed in two NCAA Soccer Tournaments.

When asked about how it felt to leave ETSU, Calabrese got very serious. "That was by far the most difficult professional decision of my life," Calabrese said. "Aside from starting the program and bringing to where it was, losing those relationships with coaches and players that I built over almost seven years there was not easy."

However, even through his years at ETSU, FIU has been Calabrese’s radar. "In 1996, when I was playing for Rhode Island, we took a trip to Rich- mond, Virginia to watch the [Soccer] Final Four," Calabrese said. "I was at the FIU game and since then I saw incredible poten- tial in the program. When the opportunity to take the [head coaching] position presented itself, I saw that this could be something really special."

Coach Calabrese hopes to tap into the soccer poten- tial of Miami and it turn it into success for FIU.

"The draw of Miami and FIU for potential recruits is massive. The local talent is some of the best in the country. It all starts with being able to recruit and retain the best talent from South Florida."

FIU soccer kicks off their season against Mich- igan in Ann Arbor on August 29. The Panthers will host Stonet University on Sept. 5 in their home opener.

LeBron did nothing wrong; remained loyal to hometown

LeBron James never said anything that was cruel; he did what he was allowed to do. Did you honestly think he did nothing wrong? When asked about his decision, he did and what he is wearing before the first tipoff of the NBA season. Frankly, you must not have anything better to do.

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Steve Berman, has been a member since 2009 by the club. Not only is it a great way to stay fit, it also gives me the tools to defend myself should the situation present itself," Saez added.

Thus far, Saez has competed in two amateur fights and has a record of 1-1. By the end of this year, the club expects to have two of its members fighting professionally.

"That’s the biggest thing I get out of this club. Not only is it a great way to stay fit, it also gives me the tools to defend myself should the situation present itself," Saez added. "It’s really great for us because sometimes there are other clubs, such as wrestling, that meet at our usual location. Sunset MMA is close by and gives us a location to meet and have additional training."

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Students can attend their first meeting for free as a trial. After that, the club fee is $50 a month.

"Meetings usually consist of three parts," Saez said. "We start with an inten- sive warm-up followed by smaller drills and finish with some grappling. Club meetings usually last around two hours."

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Heberling: ‘I don’t think it has ever stopped us. It will never stop us.’

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Although a death in the recruiting process can occur even when there is not a track on FIU’s campus. Heberling has a response to the athletes that he has recruited about how to react just like the fact that the University lacks a track.

“To those athletes that say ‘Oh, there is not track, it is the end of the world,’ we say the athletes here don’t want or need anything,” Heberling said. “Now, would we love to have a track? Of course, but each and every one of the athletes knows what they signed up for.”

Heberling also believes that it gives his athletes a little more motivation.

“We wear it on our chest that we don’t have one,” Heberling said. “We take pride in beating anyone and everyone that could help us.”

Heberling also mentioned that he makes his athletes understand that when they come here there is a goal. A lot of times we would talk and say ‘Okay, this is what we are going to do, and we wouldn’t really have a plan to do it,” Heberling said.

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SGC-BBC discusses campus modernization

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The Biscayne Bay Campus has seen plenty changes this past year, and student government met with a campus organization to discuss the success of past initiatives and plans to expand this coming year.

During a meeting on July 21, the Student Fund, Council at BBC and the Division of Student Affairs discussed updates, events and goals for the campus with students.

“The most important part is having an open dialogue from you all — what’s great, what’s bad, what’s frustrating, what you love about BBC — and find out how we can advocate for you all,” said Eric Arneson, assistant vice president for Student Affairs.

Recently, the north campus has had renovations in Panther Square, located in the Wolfe University Center; a Panther statue placed just outside WUC in Panther Plaza, which will be unveiled August 29; and an electronic marquee installed at the entrance of the school — all of which were funded by SGC.

New residence halls, cell phone charging stations, lockers, restaurants and a wildlife museum and rehabilitation center are to join BBC to help meet students’ needs, with many coming by this fall.

President of SGC-BBC Jazmin Felix gave an update on student government initiatives.

“After the Second Road to Success,” a campaign to construct a new roadway to the University, remains a priority for SGC.

Northeast 151st Street is the only vehicular route to the north campus. The roadway is shared with Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School Biscayne Bay Campus, David Lawrence Jr. K-8 Center and a Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. performing arts studio that is currently under construction.

“We only have one way in and one way out,” said Felix. “With all of the new things happening on WUC, we’re going to need the extra space.”

Although BBC’s student government petitioned for a new access point since 2011, North Miami residents and the City Council have resisted their efforts as a new roadway will cause property value in the area to decline.

As for campus housing, Arneson said new residence halls will be built by a private company between the School of Environment, Arts and Society and the Kovens Conference Center.

The company will do its own leasing and will open a leasing office near the bookstore.

By this fall, students will have charging stations for their cell phones in the cafeteria, Panther Square, Academic 1 and the second floor of WUC.

“It works like a locker system,” said Felix. “You can leave your phone, lock it in, leave it to charge and come back for it.”

Students will have real lockers as well.

Nearly 65 lockers will be installed on the second floor of WUC by fall. Similar to the cell phone charging stations, they will function as hotel safes.

“If you have books for four courses, and you can’t find your books there and come back in between classes to pick up your stuff,” said Arneson.

Security cameras will also be installed around the lockers to monitor thefts.

Further plans for SGC include building partnerships with other organizations on campus and increasing membership, with positions available in each branch of government.

Felix formed the Inter-Council Coalition, a partnership between FIU Panther Power, the Student Programming Council, the Council for Student Organizations and the Black Student Union.

The heads of each organization are to meet each month to brainstorm on how to better meet students’ needs.

New members appointed by SGC-BBC

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The Biscayne Bay Campus’ Student Government Council will vote on a bill to change the requirements for senator membershipship at Florida International University’s Broward Pines Center, represented by SGC-BBC.

The first reading for this bill was held on July 21. On July 28, the second reading and voting was held.

Last year, SGC-BBC did not have a senator for the Broward Pines Center.

Alliah Mejia, speaker of the senate is working so Broward Pines can be better represented in student government.

Mejia is the author of the bill. College of Arts and Sciences Senator Maria Paludo-Velazquez, School of Journalism and Mass Communications Senator Shenii Kathymoon and Sena-

tor-at-Large Christopher Morisset, all sponsored the bill. Current requirements ask that senators attend weekly senate meetings and monthly general meetings in person, fulfill seven office hours per week and join two committees within SGA.

The bill Mejia proposed includes three changes for senator requirements solely for the Broward Pines Center.

One of those changes is allowing senators of this campus to attend two weekly senate meetings and one general meeting in person and two weekly senate meetings over video conference.

Currently, senators are unable to attend meetings via video chat. Mejia said he hopes they can incorporate Skype with the passing of this bill.

Second, the bill proposes senators complete office hours at the Broward Pines Center under the Coordinator of Student Life.

Lastly, senators are to alter committee requirements to enable confer-

encing in committee meetings.

The committees include Rules, Legislative and Judiciary Committee, which verify senate meetings follow the procedures outlined in the Student Government Association constitution and statutes; Internal Affairs Committee, which makes sure SGA’s funds are properly handled to benefit students.

Senators also welcomed two new members during last week’s meeting.

Ashley Reid, a senior majoring in biology, was appointed comptroller. Zico Fremont, a senior majoring in international relations, was appointed director of government relations.

The council at BBC is still recruiting members to fill seats in the senate. Representatives are needed for the College of Education, the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, the Nicole Wert-heim College of Nursing and Health Sciences, as well as the Broward Pines Center.