THE CHINA DEAL

FIU makes history as Chinese government approves building of new Hospitality School
By ANAMIRELLA MARQUEZ
Contributing Writer

With shovels held between white-gloved hands, smiling for the cameras, FIU administrators and members of the Tianjin University of Commerce announced the groundbreaking for the future FIU School of Hospitality and Tourism Management campus in Tianjin, China.

FIU President Modesto A. Maidique and Joseph West, dean of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, traveled to China to sign a 10-year contract agreeing to the building of a new campus to FIU’s specifications and for the groundbreaking on the future site of that very campus.

“We are the first foreign University that the Chinese are investing $25 million in,” said West.

The FIU School of Hospitality will be built near the Tianjin University of Commerce. Currently, the campus is set to be approximately 80 acres in size and will carry a cost of around $25 million, funding will come from China.

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The school is set to open fall of 2006 and will admit around 1,000 students. According to Lee C. Dickson, the associate dean, students attending the school will first attend two years in the University of Commerce, taking courses which will be equivalent to the FIU undergraduate core curriculum.

These transfer students will apply for admission and follow the same procedures as any other transfer student; the only difference being that they won’t have to travel to Miami.

The Tianjin courses will require each student to speak English because all classes will be taught in that language.

Students will also receive their bachelor’s and master’s degrees from FIU. “This gives students the chance for international education, which is important. Travel and tourism is worldwide and this just gives an outreach for students,” said Rachel Leung, a junior.

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PHI SIGS PROVIDE GLIMPSE OF UPCOMING SORORITY RUSH WEEK

By JULIA MARCHESE
Contributing Writer

Along with other FIU sororities, the Penguins of Phi Sigma Sigma have found themselves readying for what they consider will become an eventful summer’s end.

Besides preparing for their annual awards ceremony taking place this year in Washington on August 1, the Penguins have begun to plan for the Greek Life Rush Week for the fall semester, which begins September 7. As part of these plans, members have taken time between their weekly chapter and executive meetings, academic affairs, and such events as their annual fashion show to prepare for a one week extravaganza held in honor of potential members.

The week will kick off its string of events with Sorority 101. Active members from all six FIU sororities, including the Phi Sigs, then their opportunity during this event to meet and greet the potential members for a designated amount of time.

On the second night, Philanthropy Night, both potential and returning members for Phi Sigma Sigma will work together in an effort to produce an arts-and-crafts project for the National Kidney Foundation, the charitable organization supported yearly by the sorority.

At the end of the event, prospective members will have the chance to judge the song of the future Phi Sigma Sigma team. The Penguins of Phi Sigma Sigma have found themselves preparing never weathered.

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FIU set to open new campus in China

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Interviewing process for potential faculty. Some of the prospective candidates will be taking classes and even finishing their master’s degree in the U.S., at FIU, starting January 2005. Also, they will be learning the curriculum and working with other members of the faculty.

“It’s very exciting for our program, that we have this possibility of having the FIU School of Hospitality and Tourism Management in China [which is] going to open great opportunities,” said Elisa Moncayo, a Hospitality Management professor who also acknowledges the global exposure this move will gain for the university.

Dean West states how, during a conference organized by professor Jolin Zhao and co-sponsored by the International Hotel and Restaurant association held in China, the dean of Hospitality at TUC spoke with Professor Zhao about the awareness China has had on FIU’s hospitality department.

“The Dean of Hospitality at TUC spoke at length with Professor Zhao. They knew about our large number of alumni’s based in Asia, we are well known,” said West.

According to Dickinson, China had their pick of many top schools to partner up with. In the end, however, they chose FIU for (among other reasons) holding a curriculum based on the reception of transfer students.

The administration claims that this partnership will not only bring great prestige to FIU, but it will also raise the general funds for both FIU campuses.

As stated by the mutual contract, FIU is set to not only place the specifications on the building but also to collect tuition from the program.

With China currently preparing itself for what has been called an approaching booming tourism decade (Beijing having been chosen as the next venue for the 2008 Olympics), the FIU negotiations for a campus in the country’s third largest city has been sustained as a preparation for the future.

“It will benefit us in that our Chinese alumni will shape China’s tourism in the next 20 years,” said West.
By MARTIN MERZER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Sen. John Forbes Kerry, an enigmatic figure who came of age fighting in the Vietnam War, launched a thinly veiled attack on the Bush administration Thursday night as he sought to convince Americans that he’s strong and resolute enough to lead a fractured nation again at war.

“As president, I will restore trust and credibility to the White House,” Kerry told nearly 5,000 Democratic delegates and a prime-time television audience.

“I will be a commander in chief who will never mislead us into war,” he said. “I will have a vice president who will not conduct secret meetings with polluters to rewrite our environmental laws. I will have a secretary of defense who will listen to the advice of military leaders. And I will appoint an attorney general who will uphold the Constitution of the United States.”

Accepting the Democratic Party’s presidential nomination, locked in a statistical dead heat with President Bush in popularity polls, the Massachusetts sen- tor devoted most of his speech to national security, the one area where polls show Bush retains a substantial advantage.

“I defended this country as a young man and I will defend it as president,” he said. “Let there be no mistake. I will never hesitate to use force when it is required. Any attack will be met with a swift and a certain response.”

After speaking for 46 min- utes, Kerry concluded with a call to look beyond the horizon.

“For America,” he said, “the hope is there. The sun is rising. Our best days are still to come.”

And so, as 100,000 red, white and blue balloons floated through the FleetCenter, came the end of a Democratic festival that was, at least in its public pre- sentation, notably harmonious.

Kerry, 60, hoped to define the wisdom and cost of the war in Iraq, sensing an “open ritual” is planed to take place on this night, providing the sorority sisters with an opportu- nity to discuss the experiences they have had in their time as members.

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Bid Day, the final event of Rush Week, gives current soror- ity members the chance to decide which new members the chance to decide as a whole who will be invited into their chapter.

After the bidding process has taken place, the girls will celebrate with the new additions to their organization.

“Being part of the excitement of Rush Week has helped me to appreciate my memories and experiences as a Phi Sig,” said Sandra Alonso, a senior, regarding her past times in the group.

Kerry woos supporters at convention

He offered the framework of a plan to get U.S. forces out of Iraq.

“I know what we have to do in Iraq,” Kerry said. “We need a president who has the credibility to bring our allies to our side and share the burden, reduce the cost to American taxpayers, reduce the risk to American soldiers. That’s the right way to get the job done and bring our troops home.”

Kerry’s speech had many missions.

One, foreshadowed through- out the convention by images of him in military combat and heavily spiced with references to “strength” and “optimism,” to show that an aloof man who’s known for nuanced views is capable of serving as America’s point man in the wars on terror- ism and in Iraq.

“We need a strong military and we need to lead strong alli- ances,” Kerry said. “And then, with confidence and determina- tion, we will be able to tell the terrorists, ‘You will lose and we will win’.”

As for his often-complex views: “Some issues just aren’t that simple,” he said. “Saying there are weapons of mass destruction in Iraq doesn’t make it so. Saying we can fight a war on the cheap doesn’t make it so. And proclaiming ‘mission accomplished’ certainly doesn’t make it so.”

Another objective of the speech: to attract support from independents and centrists by demonstrating that he and the Democrats are moderate, accept- able choices.

Toward that end, Kerry sketched his economic plan, promising to create new incen- tives for manufacturing and technology, to end tax prefer- ences for companies that ship jobs overseas and to develop an energy plan focused on alterna- tive fish and “the cars of the future.”

He promised to cut middle- class taxes, to roll back tax cuts for the wealthy to privatize Social Security, to control rising health-care costs, to allow people to import prescription drugs from Canada and to create “jobs that pay you more, not less, than you earned before.”

“It is time for those who talk about family values to start valu- ing families,” he said.

He offered no estimates of the cost of these programs. His mes- sage was less of a detail than of ideas, ideals and promises.

“I want to address these next words directly to President George W. Bush,” he said. “In the weeks ahead, let’s be opti- mists, not just opportunists. Let’s build unity in the American family, not angry division. …”

“My friends, the high road may be harder but it leads to a better place than that’s why Republicans and Democrats must make this election a contest of big ideas, not small-minded attacks. This is our time to reject the kind of politics calcu- lated to divide race from race, region from region, group from group.”

Rebutting Bush’s portrayal Kerry as a tax-and-spend liberal and a serial flip-flopper lacking in political conviction, a man who voted in favor of the Iraq war but not for additional money to wage it. Kerry says he wanted to accept only some of Bush’s tax cuts for the wealthy, but when that failed, he refused to add the cost to the national deficit.

“A month from now, we’re going to have our convention in New York and we’re going to return to the real world,” saidacker Mayor Rudy Giuliani said at a Republican news conference in Boston. “And we’re going to run away from it as they have been doing for the last four nights.”

The Democrats exploited Kerry’s combat record as an advantage over Bush who served only in the Air National Guard and the military-related, almost macho imagery that had per- vaded this convention endured to the end.

Sorority planning events for fall term recruitments

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they might join, leaving two sororities in the top of their list, and again one group in the second and third slots of their list.

As the culmination process takes place, active sisters of the sororities are expected to interact more closely with the interested parties over cookies and cake.

Preference Night is also a semi-annual event considered by the Greek groups to be the most personal night of the week.

Potential members, reviewing the presentations given by each sorority, narrow their top four choices down to two.

Some alumnae members will return to campus that evening in order to assist in such tasks as serving food and drinks, thus giving active sisters a chance to focus on the new students.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think there will be terrorist activities to affect the Olympics?

- Considering the size of the event and some already occurring threats, I’d say definitely.
- Even with the buzz about threats, I don’t think anything really dangerous will occur so long as security is on its toes.
- Nah, terrorists don’t care about games, it’s the presidential election they’re waiting for.
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WINNER

Registered Travelers: The new frequent flyer program by the Transportation Security Administration allows for an chosen group of business travelers to register for express security screening.

LOSER

Stupid Sadists: Nick Sigmon, 18, and Paul Collins, 20, charged with animal cruelty after strapping explosives to a rabbit and throwing it into a lake. Luckily, the bunny survives, seeing as how water causes sparks to go out thereby never reaching the firecracker.

QUOTEABLES

“I could do it, I’m a really good camper. I could sleep on the ground.”

Martha Stewart, Homemaking guru, after being asked by Barbara Walters how she plans to deal with her five month prison sentence.

“Their idea of equal rights is the American flag and the Confederate swastika flying side by side.”

– Julian Bond, Chairman for the N.A.A.C.P., on members of the Republican Party.

“If they don’t have the guts then I call them girlie men.”

– Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of California, on Democrats delaying his budget proposals, and jokingly referencing Saturday Night Live.

“It’s a tragedy. That’s what separates us from the type of contestant that goes to Miss USA.”

– Heather French Henry, Miss America 2000, about the pageant’s recent cut of the talent portion of the competition.

“Go balloons, balloons... what’s happening balloons, there’s not enough coming down. All balloons - where the hell - there’s nothing falling, what the f... are you guys doing up there?”

– Don Mischer, DNC convention center director, panicking on-air for viewers to hear, after Sen. Kerry’s speech.

Student’s determination to learn makes professor’s day

Standing at the doors of the Golden Panther Arena Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m., watching a tropical downpour as I waited for my last class of the day to make the trek from main campus to the ‘outback’ of campus.

About a dozen students huddled in the doorway, waiting out the rain before making a mad dash to their cars or back to campus.

Out of the corner of my eye, I watched a lone, wet figure in a white t-shirt and jeans, navigating his way through the downpour and puddles, sloshing through the parking lots and path from main campus to GPA.

“Look at that guy,” several students commented. “He must be crazy to walk in the rain like that, no umbrella, no raincoat.”

Crazy like a fox, I thought, as I recognized the figure as one of my 2 p.m. students.

He was drenched, walking all the way to the arena from DM in a downpour, but by God, he made it to GPA on time for class.

He was, indeed, the ONLY student in the class to make it by 2 p.m.

Soaked to the bone, all he could do is laugh a little at his predicament, as he walked down the hallway into the classroom and tried to wring out his clothes.

He was, indeed, shocked to see the classroom empty, expect for me, but he knew I’d be there because I had a 12:30 class in the same room.

After a quick trip to the restroom for towels and to pass his shirt under the hand dryer for a moment, he returned to the classroom.

And still, he was the lone student.

Jokingly, he encouraged me to move along with the day’s lesson, saying “I came to learn! I’ll stay.”

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Phew! [FIU]

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Second anime convention focuses on Japanese rock

By ANGIE HARGOT
Contributing Writer

In a modest auditorium at the University Park Campus, a group of about 50 people sit interspersed alone or in small groups in the dark. Their faces light up sporadically in laughter as the characters on the screen — children with pink and blue hair — play with Molotov cocktails and become the target of mild sexual innuendo. The characters are animated, of course.

This August will mark the second time an FIU club will hold their annual convention, Yasumi Con, to celebrate and explore an often curious phenomenon of Japanese culture — Anime.

Anime has been described as at best, animated Japanese art with a storyline, and at worst - cartoons for adults. Presented with the original Japanese dialogue and accompanied with English subtitles, “anime always seems to have a bad reputation for being either extremely childish or for mature audiences only,” said Teresa Montgomery, Webmaster and Events Coordinator for Florida International University’s Anything Goes Anime Film Club.

Anything Goes Anime Film Club took on official club status in 1997. Every Thursday from 8-11 p.m. in Graham Center 140, you can catch a free showing of what the members have voted on for the week. Typically they will see part of a series, which spans 13-26 episodes. Odds are it’s something you’ll never see on American television.

The anime shown is usually OAV (Only Available on Video) and is generally not available in the United States. The club’s name itself comes from one popular series called “Ranma 1/2.” In the series, whenever Ranma Saotome, a young martial arts expert, gets splashed with cold water he changes into a pretty young girl. Getting splashed with hot water reverses the effect. In the series, Anything Goes is the name of the dojo where Ranma trains.

Membership for Anything Goes is free and includes discounts at local stores and voting privileges.

“THERE was always talk of starting one with the older members,” Montgomery said of “Trigun.””Trigun” was popular among club members in anticipation of the event. The audience discusses elements of the film openly and even breaks out into spontaneous dancing as the theme music plays.

“When the mood is right dancing can always happen,” warns Kelly Blanchard, a senior and the Anything Goes Anime Secretary this year.

The convention promises all kinds of anime-related events, including a costume contest and film showings. The complete schedule is on the convention’s website.

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The two day convention kicks off on August 14th in the Graham Center Ballrooms at the University Park Campus. Registration is free and available at www.yasumicon.com.
Beware the Mullet!

Sinister hairstyle reborn into trendy fashion faux pas

Most dictionaries say a mullet is just a fish, but the second edition of Webster’s New International Dictionary (1932) defined it as a verb meaning “to curl or dress the hair,” according to “The Mullet: Hairstyle of the Gods.” It’s not just a hairstyle. It’s also a way of defining yourself, and a very funny-sounding word. Say it out loud: Mullet! Did it make you laugh, or at least chuckle? Behold the power of hair.

By SAM SESSA
Knight Ridder Newspapers

It came from the ‘80s, clawing its way onto skulls everywhere. Business in the front, party in the back. The mullet.

For a decade we felt the shock-waves. From Michael Bolton to Mel Gibson to Joe the local auto mechanic, the mullet’s power stretched far and wide. And now, just when we thought our scalps were safe, the mullet is once again riding high.

“It never quite goes and it comes back again,” said Mark Larson, co-author of “The Mullet: Hairstyle of the Gods.” “It’s kind of like what they say about the evolution of roaches. They’ve been here since the dinosaurs, and they just keep adapting. The mullet adapts.”

As with most trends, we have celebrities to thank. This summer former ‘N Sync member JC Chasez and Maroon 5 guitarist James Valentine wore mullets – his 11-year-old son, Brenden, also rocks the shag.

“I’m really proud of my son’s mullet,” Nelson said. “I want him to grow it into a rat-tail mullet down his back.”

While Nelson wears his hair with pride, plenty of young men are in denial, Yates said. They see the shag on television and ask for hair like Ashton Kutcher of TV’s “That ’70s Show” and Everclear frontman Art Alexakis are now doing the same.

It could almost be passed off as shaggy hair. Almost.

“Some people are leaving it covering their ears, but it’s still long in the back,” said Dana Yates, who has been styling hair for 12 years and now works in Westport, Mo. “It’s more flowy.”

Jake Nelson of Kansas City, Mo., loves his shag mullet, which he has had for about six months now.

“It’s a way to say kinda (expletive belittling a mullet-wearing rebel) you’ to the man,” Nelson said.

He’s one half of a tag-team family mullet – his 11-year-old son, Brenden, also rocks the shag.

“My hair trends, but once here, hair- trends usually stay for three to four years. Jennifer Aniston’s “Rachel” hairstyle stuck for about four years, followed by the Cameron Diaz short hair spikes, which people still request, she said.

The modern mullet probably came from David Bowie’s Ziggy Stardust phase in the early 70s. Kutcher may be responsible for bringing on the shag mullet, but there is no one man fully credited with sparking the resurgence.

The movie business may have its finger on the pulse. “Hollywood knows about the mullet in an intuitive way,” author Larson said. “It’s the haircut that they give to the guy who’s the outsider, the outcast with the heart of gold. They always do that. That’s the essence of the mullet. It’s always on the fringe, but with a heart of gold, and that’s why it never goes away. It believes in itself.”

Famous Mullets

David Bowie
Michael Bolton
Kiefer Sutherland
Captain Planet

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Seven ranked teams, five in top 25, lined up for men's soccer

By YANELY PEREZ
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Entering their 33rd season, the men’s soccer team along with Head Coach Karl Kremser will have their hands full next season as the NCAA tournament participants will face numerous ranked teams this season.

The Golden Panthers have much to look forward to as they face 18 games, seven of which include teams being ranked by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) last season and five that finished in the top 25.

Ten games will be held at home this season where the team played strongly last season finishing with a 10-2-1 record. The men will participate in four tournaments, two of which will be held at University Park.

According to team captain Allen Handy, the tougher the teams, the more he welcomes the opportunity. "There are a few teams to look out for, those being St. John [Oct. 29], North Carolina [Sept. 10], and Harvard [Nov. 12], where we will face maximum opposition, but with enough team effort we are bound to turn out successful," said Handy.

Before starting off their regular season, FIU will use two late-August scrimmages as a final tune-up in preparation. They will then travel to Chapel Hill, NC for the Carolina Nike Classic, where they will face competitive teams in North Carolina and Wake Forest, all taking place on Sept. 12.

The four-game road trip will carry on with the Carolina Nike Classic as they face in-state rivals Chapel Hill, all taking place on Sept. 12. The Golden Panthers will then travel to Chapel Hill, NC for the Carolina Nike Classic, where they will face competitive teams in North Carolina and Wake Forest, all taking place on Sept. 12.

The regular season includes confer-ence games against familiar opponents Catawba, Adelphi and Harwick. With veteran players returning, the team is expected to be ready when called upon.

"It is important that we stay focused and don’t experience any mental laps. With seven starters returning for FIU this year, the team will be as focused and prepared as we need to be," said Handy.

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TOMPOS: “I hope we can be really strong at the net this year”

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but I was interested in something new," said Tompos who was also a dedicated student athlete for the Bearcats’ women’s volleyball team as a student assistant when he was studying there.

Greg was not only a coach during college, but he was involved in coaching Cincinnati’s very first boys’ club team, The Cincinnati River Bandits, and later took a different role by switching from coaching men to women taking the role as coach of the River City Volleyball Club’s Girls’.

Full of ambition and excitement, Greg headed off to Australia to take on another role. Some of the activities he was involved in included coaching players on the Australian Beach Volleyball Tour, serving as National Junior Program Coordinator and working with the Australian Institute of Sport.

After a successful tenure in Australia where he gained experience, Grez was eager for another move. He wanted to bring his wife, who is an Australian native, to a city full of diverse people, which landed him here in Miami.

“Miami is such an international and big city," said Tompos. "Once I visited, I thought it was so nice." Settled here in Miami, Greg is enthusiastic for an exciting season.

“I’ve met almost all the girls from last season and I’m excited for the new girls," said Tompos. Entering a new role after coaching mostly men athletes versus women athletes, Stevens is confident Tompos has what it takes to enforce a successful season.

“Everything will be new for him, but I look forward to it,” said Stevens. Along with the addition of several new players to the team, Greg is very hopeful he too can add a positive new spin.

“We hope we can be really strong at the net this year,” said Tompos who hopes he can help in that department this year.
Tompos joins Coach Stevens as assistant

By NATALIA SABIA
Staff Writer

Adding a masculine ambiance to FIU’s women’s volleyball team this season is Assistant Coach Greg Tompos.

Joining the team from Australia, Greg holds numerous amounts of experience coaching volleyball here in the states, as well as overseas.

“I’m very happy to have him on board,” said Women’s Volleyball Head Coach Cookie Stevens. "Greg has been very successful in Australia, leading his team to a silver medal in the 2002 AVI. Finals and earning two bronze medals in both 2001 and 2003, but felt he was ready for yet, another coaching role. He’s very good and he’s very sufficient,” added Stevens.

Tompos began his coaching career in Ohio as a volunteer volleyball coach at the University of Dayton in 1999. He spent five seasons as an assistant volleyball coach at the NCAA Division I Level when he was still a student at the University of Cincinnati.

“I had a great time in Ohio, it’s very sufficient,” added Stevens.