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Author Maya Angelou inspires students at lecture

By DAMIAN GRASS
Staff Writer

From the audience’s reaction, Dr. Maya Angelou’s jazz-tinged voice painted a rainbow in the clouds over FIU during her speech on March 10. In “An Evening with Maya Angelou,” sponsored by the Student Government Association, the award-winning poet and playwright spoke to students, faculty and area residents at the Pharmed Arena about the ability to accept diversity, the magnitude of someone’s influence and her tough childhood in rural Arkansas.

In front of a hushed crowd, Angelou, who was raped at the age of seven, began her 45-minute speech with a song. “When the sun doesn’t shine anymore,” she sang, “a rainbow appeared in the clouds over FIU during Angelou’s lecture.”

Angelou encouraged the audience to find that rainbow in their own doldrums. That rainbow might be someone in “your family, in stories you’ve heard or books you’ve read or fictional people...” she said. Sophomore Sparkle Cooper took Angelou’s advice to heart.

“It doesn’t have to be a family member who inspires you,” said Cooper after Angelou’s lecture. “It can be a person who doesn’t even know you, like Maya Angelou.”

Throughout the evening, Angelou joked with the audience. She lightly heartedly noted that since she has become a celebrity, she refuses to travel on airlines, claiming that it has become “a bit awkward.”

“People in airports ask me to sign this and that, grab me, pull me and even give me their babies,” the world renowned poet who now travels by private bus, said laughing. “Sometimes I would ask them to change [their diapers] first.”

On her second visit to FIU since 1998, Angelou added that coming to FIU means “a bit awkward.”

“I found that, at the Career Fair, there’s been a lot of interesting places...wonderful places to get experience. I’ve had a wonderful time.”

By ANA RIBEIRO
Staff Writer

Forty-nine companies, many of them well-known, set up tables in the Wolfe University Center Ballroom on March 9, assembled for Biscayne Bay Campus’s third annual Career and Intern Fair. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., dozens of professional-looking students scattered about the ballroom, carrying bags filled with flyers, business cards, key chains and pens that companies provided at stands.

Said Rayaad Dinally, who is majoring in broadcast journalism, didn’t hide his optimism.

“I mean, some wonderful, wonderful places to get experience [at]. All in all, I’ve had a wonderful time.”

Michael Bandy, an international student, had a different story.

“Most of the representatives for companies ... were very clear on the immigration status – either resident or citizen,” Bandy claimed. “Because I only have a student visa, they wouldn’t even look at my resume. They just gave me a little frown and told me, ‘Well, good luck to you.’”

One of the lesser known organizations at the career fair was Kids in Distress. Also one of the few that Bandy said accepted his resume. The non-profit organization offers therapy and a residential program free to children up to 12 years old who are referred through the court or school system.

The organization was offering both paid and volunteer positions, as well as non-paid internships in areas such as education, nursing, social work and marketing. But according to Jan Albert, the director for Human Resources, students walked right by their table toward the big companies, like Disney World.

Albert said that, in over two hours, Kids in Distress had only received two resumes. On the tables of other companies, resumes laid in piles.

“The companies at the career fair ranged from the Walt Disney World Corporation and Washington Mutual to non-profit to government organizations like the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the event. But the FBI wouldn’t take resumes. Instead, Administrative Specialist and FIU alumna, Luisa Enriquez represented the agency by providing information to students on how to eventually become one of the 900 special agents it hires, on average, per year. “First you have what’s called ‘phase one testing,’ which is all multiple-choice tests,” Enriquez explained. “The next step is a formal interview by three veteran agents, and we tend to see individuals who have had a good solid work experience do better in interviews than individuals who have not had a previous work experience.”

Enriquez said that, in eight years at the FBI, she didn’t know of one person who hadn’t had a job first before becoming a special agent. She gave one exception, however; because of “critical needs.” The FBI will accept individuals with a degree in computer science, but no experience in the field.

According to Enriquez, because of the current state of the events, the FBI gives preference to individuals who can speak Middle Eastern languages (such as Arabic and Hebrew), as well as Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and Russian.

At the other end of the spectrum, Fox’s Channel 7 had a different premise. To Diane Jaramillo-Guard, the business manager representing the channel at the career fair, experience was more important than experience. She said that someone who has experience in journalism but who regards Channel 7 as just another job, has less of a chance of being hired than someone without any experience who appears committed, interested, eager to learn and not afraid of hard work. She also said that within three hours, 24 students had given her resumes and that half of them had “very good potential” to fill the 10 to 15 internship spots available at Channel 7.

Marilyn Lorenzo, a representative for the Sun-Sentinel, said students were mainly “interested in internships, not so much in full-time positions.” At the career fair, the newspaper was offering internships as well as paid positions in advertising, human resources, operations, marketing, circulation and finance.

Claudia Reich had put several years of service into Career Services at FIU, but her first major project as the department’s director was the career fair. She said students’ preparation for the event had...
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Before Angelou went on stage, Sheldon Bailey, president for the Black Student Union, recited his thought-provoking poem called, “Dreams of Broken Child.”

But it was the FIU Gospel Choir that had the jam-packed arena singing along to an upbeat Swahili song. Shandra Webster, sister of an FIU student, walked away from the event enthused.

“What a fantastic eve- ning,” she said. “This was one of the most inspirational events I have ever been to.”

For Vicky Owens, assis- tant director for Campus Life and SGA advisor, the event was special because of the students who helped her put it together.

“This event was for the students who actually saw something completed from start to finish, and that’s such a huge thing for a woman who they got to bring and share with the university community,” said Owens. “So for me, it’s all about the student’s experience.”

Maya Angelou, the little girl from a small town in Arkansas who grew up to be one of America’s fervent rainbows in the clouds, continues to inspire the heroes and “sheroes” in her wake.

“Go out and learn about your differences, so that you’re not left in that mean and narrow tunnel,” she encouraged.

“You’ll see we have much more in common than what separates us.”


TUESDAY – MARCH 15

Brown Bag Lunch with author Jan Goff-LaFontaine: All day, Women’s Center

Reformation Day: 10 a.m., University Park Baptist Church

Symphonic Band Concert: 8 p.m., Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall

Honors Council General Meeting: 4 p.m., GC 150

SPC Campus Entertainment and Special Events – Karaoke Irish Pub Night: 8 p.m., Gracie’s Grill

Campus Bible Fellowship presents “Dinosa- urss – in the Bible?”: 7:30 p.m., GC 305

Indian Students Association General Meet- ings: 5:30 p.m., GC 340

Honors Regalia: last deadline to purchase is today at 4 p.m. (stoles and medallions), 305- 348-1069

AEP: basketball games through April 5, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 16

SGA General Meeting: 4 p.m., GC 150

SPC Cinema Wednesday films “The Films of Kevin Smith” and “Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back”: 7 p.m., 10 p.m., GC 140

Free Bibles: table in GC every Wednesday, 5:30- 6:30

Club meetings of Bible study: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Catholic Campus Ministry: “What is the meaning of Holy Week?” 12-1 p.m.

THURSDAY – MARCH 17

Golden Panthers Tennis hosts Southern Miss- issippi: 7 p.m., University Park Tennis Courts

Student Council for Exceptional Education General Meeting: 7:45 p.m., ZEB 115

FRIDAY – MARCH 18

Golden Panthers Tennis hosts Texas Tech: 12 p.m., University Park Tennis Courts

Golden Panthers softball team in FAU Par- ents Weekend Tournament: 8 a.m. (FIU vs. Tulia) and 5 p.m. (FIU vs. Wisconsin), FAU, Boca Raton

Golden Panthers Baseball hosts Manhattan: 7 p.m., University Park Baseball Field

Key note speaker: John Lotus speaks about high security clearance in the world at 1:30 p.m., H2G located at 20488 West Dixie Highway, Aventura FL, contact Melina Gimal 305-790- 5062 2 p.m.

Dinner: special Shabbat, 8:30 p.m., H2G

SATURDAY – MARCH 19

Golden Panthers Softball team in FAU Par- ents Weekend Tournament: 9 a.m. (FIU vs. Texas AM), 1 p.m. (FIU vs. Michigan State), FAU, Boca Raton

Golden Panthers Track & Field in Hurricane Invitational Meet: 9 a.m., Coral Gables

Golden Panthers Baseball hosts Manhattan: 1 p.m., University Park Baseball Field

Compiled by Reuben M. Pereira

WEDNESDAY • FEBRUARY 23

On Feb. 23, officers Darwin Villavicencio and Rich- ard Miller were reportedly to University Park’s Panther Hall when that heavy smoke was coming from the first floor trash chute area. The officers called the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) to investigate the smoke. According to the MDFR, an unknown person(s) threw something in the trash chute on the fourth floor, which came in contact with the trash dumpster located on the first floor of the building. The sprinkler system was then activated and Panther Hall maintenance personnel reset the alarm and sprinkler system.

On Feb. 23, a student reported that his unattended, silver Toshiba laptop sitting on a desk on the third floor of the Green Library was stolen. The laptop is valued at $2,000. There are no known suspects.

On Feb. 23, officer Richard Diaz met FIU football coach Hurley Brown in a dorm room at the University Park Towers. Diaz responded to a call that narcotics might be present in one of the rooms. After search- ing the room, a white powder in a clear plastic bag, an electronic scale, a metal spoon and a razor blade were found on a desktop. Test results revealed that the white substance was cocaine. As both men left the apartment, they encountered two students, former FIU student Diego Diaz-Gonzalez and current FIU student, Diamond Hemingway. Brown asked them whom the cocaine belonged to and Jones confessed ownership.

On March 2, a student from the University Park cam- pus reported that her wallet was stolen on Feb. 2, somewhere on the second floor of the Green Library. Her wallet contained her Florida, Columbia and Bank of America’s debit card, South Trust, and credit cards, as well as $10. No suspects have been found.

Compiled by Rodolfo Roman

Opportunities abound at career fair

By MELODIA QUINOCOSA

Contributing Writer

In response to recent discussions about the Middle East, the Jewish Student Orga- nization and the Hillel Second Generation will sponsor Café Hillel on March 15.

Café Hillel is a resource for every student to explore is- lamation at different universities, accord- ing to Reyna Susi, Israel program associ- ate for Hillel Second Generation.

“Far too far has been a positive asset to our community, provid- ing awareness in career development, Jewish learning, social responsi- bilities, cultural activities and Israel advocacy,” said Susi. “Café Hillel is designed to inform our community about the culture, technology and various resources in Israel.”

Café Hillel will also serve as an open forum in which students can voice their opinions and concerns regarding the Middle East and the war in Iraq.

In addition there will be an photo expo- sition of Israel’s well- known landmarks as well as a free cup of coffee for every student who attends.

Last year, employers complained that students were under dressed and under prepared. This year, students were required to dress professionally in order to attend the career fair.

“We were very pleased with the quality and quantity of students and companies,” Reich said, adding that employers expressed their approval, as well, especially over a change she implemented this year: actually requir- ing students to dress professionally in order to attend the fair.

Student to discuss Iraq at Café Hillel

By SUSAN GRABLE

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Previous grammar test requirements change for journalism students

By DAVID SMALLEY Contributing Writer

Changes are on the way for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Students received an e-mail in their FIU accounts Wednesday, March 3 from Patricia B. Rose, professor and associate dean of SJMC, detailing four different changes related to its language skills test.

According to the e-mail, starting Summer semester, SJMC will no longer use the current Word Association grammar skills test. The grammar test, which all SJMC must pass in order to graduate, will now be modeled after the one in use at the University of North Carolina.

Rose said the new test is very different. It will consist of sentences with grammatical errors which students must correct.

“This is far more of a proof test, or a copy-editing test, than a strict grammar test,” Rose said. “It’s far more practical in nature.”

According to Rose, the Word Association decided to renew their contract with FIU, which expires in June. They gave no explanation as to why they chose not to renew the contract.

This left the university shopping for another provider for a language skills test.

Rose contacted over a dozen universities throughout the United States regarding their grammar exams. After having several schools send her their tests, Rose selected the two she believed to be best.

The final choice was approved by Allan Richards, interim chair of journalism and broadcasting, Catharine Athels, interim chair of advertising and public relations and a faculty committee. One member of the faculty committee took the exam in order to confirm its efficiency.

The current Word Association grammar exam has not been particularly popular among FIU students lately. Last semester students reported problems with practice quizzes on the Word Association website. The SJMC even received a petition against the exam signed by over 100 students.

Students eventually made enough commotion to cause the SJMC to temporarily waive its required entrance scores for Spring registration into the Writing Strategies class. The school stipulated that students must earn the grammar test scores they need for the classes in which they are enrolled by Feb. 15.

Nevertheless, many students are anxious about the new test, based on their experiences with the current one.

“It was too much pressure,” said Anna Anuor, a junior in the advertising program, of her experience with SJMC’s current grammar test. “Even if you were a good student and you got good grades you would fail because you didn’t pass the test.”

Richards, who has taught the School’s Writing Strategies course for eight years, stresses the importance of not stressing. “The test should not become bigger than the course,” said Richards. “Don’t make it larger than it is.

Richards believes students psychologically and emotionally psyche themselves out. While downplaying the role of the grammar exam, Richards emphasized the importance of SJMC students honing their English skills.

“The test is an indication. If you’re going to become a dentist you should know something about teeth. You can’t be in these careers without strong language skills,” Richards said.

As stated in Rose’s e-mail, pre-requisite scores for MMC 3104, Writing Strategies, will remain at 65 and exit scores will remain at 75. The exam will also still carry a $15 fee; however, now students will take the exam in the classroom, rather than at a computer lab.

Also, beginning with the Summer semester, an exit score of 75 will now satisfy pre-requisite scores for upper division courses in the SJMC. These course currently require higher entrance scores. This effects JOU3117, JOU3300, JOU4341c, and RTV4324 for students majoring in journalism and MMC 4410 for students majoring in advertising and public relations.

Student views about the required grammar test scores for certain classes vary depending on who is asking. Students who have yet to enter the Writing Strategies course seem to embrace the change.

“I think it’s good because you can take courses you need and not be set back by the test,” said Sean Jones, a junior in the advertising program. However, other students who have taken the exam, like junior Breonna Melo, are more critical of the change.

“The fact that our standards were so high made us stand out. Now we’re going to be just like every other school.”

Students like Chuck Ross, who is majoring in journalism, expressed strong feelings about the importance of the grammar exam.

“The grammar test made the program stronger,” said Ross. “We had a lot of dead wood. A lot of people wouldn’t just get into a class, then they couldn’t get out of it, and it just made them better for it.”

According to Richards, the upper level pre-requisite scores were lowered because some of the faculty felt students should receive more teaching and less testing.

“The goal is to replace constant testing with more teaching,” said Richards.

Richards also noted that the changes are being made to create continuity within the program. Instruction in grammar and AP style will now be incorporated in the classroom.

SJMC’s new goal is to give students continuous instruction in grammar in their journalism classes, instead of just cramming for a grammar test.

Much like the students, SJMC’s faculty did not unan- mously agree on whether to lower standards for entry into the upper division courses.

Kevin Hall, Editor-in-Residence and head of the Journalism Writing Project, was unavailable for comment but expressed his displeasure at the coming changes.
Men deserve the same kind of perks at the club

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By LEONCIO ALVAREZ

Opinion Editor

With the stress of midterms finally coming to an end, the average college student is probably now wondering how to spend the time her or she once spent studying. Clubbing is one option. But if you’re a male in Miami, you’ll have to get a part-time job just to pay for your clubbing expenses.

I’ve been going to clubs since my senior year in high school, and I can honestly say I have not been to one at which I’ve had a good time, mainly, because I have a penis.

Women get every possible perk imaginable at clubs: free entry, free drinks, no dress code, entry for all ages. They can even select the music that is played at some clubs.

What do men get? Men get to stand in lines, pay to enter clubs, and be treated as second class citizens.

A bouncer at Oxygen Sushi Bar and Night Club said men deserve the same at night clubs is treated the same at night clubs is absurd.

The reason why men don’t get treated the same at night clubs is mainly because they are trouble makers.

Men deserve to pay more because half of them end up getting pissed drunk, fighting one another and leaving,” said the bouncer, who preferred to remain nameless.

If men everywhere took a stand for what’s right, club owners would be forced to treat men and women the same.

We deserve to be let in without having to wait in line, because we look absolutely amazing, damn it, and looking beautiful sure isn’t easy.

The kid actually thought he had us, with one drink in one hand and his “little friend” poking out of his pants.

And he had paid for his own drinks. Can you imagine if drinks had been free?

I mean come on! Not only would his “little friend” have been even more eager to come out and play, but the kid would have been drenched in beer, hollering for more.

Everyone wants to go to a night club and have fun, especially women.

We don’t want to be harassed and embarrassed by drunken men.

The night club experience should be fun for everyone. Sorry frat boys, certain regulations have to be in place.

“I believe, if guys had the same privileges girls do at clubs, things would get out of hand fast, because if they admit it, if guys were let in free, clubs would be overflowing with testosterone and stupidity– a bad combination,” said junior Xiomara Cruz.

Men are nothing but trouble when they drink. I don’t want to have to worry about a fight breaking out or shots being fired.

Women are so much more calm and patient. Club owners don’t have to worry about us causing any controversy.

We sure can’t fit a 14-magnum in our Gucci purses.

Photograph by ALI BASS

Women are the life of the party, should get perks

Ladies in free before 12! Free drinks all night long!

What a wonderful world we live in, where women are finally rewarded for being simply fabulous.

In the past, women have been treated as second class citizens, demoralized and practically made outcasts of society.

I’m positive plenty of women would agree with me that the process of “whoring it up” for a night club is fantastic. The short skirts, push up bras, glitter and make-up- what more can a girl ask for?

After the process of getting ready, we can strut our bad selves down to the infamous Miami night clubs in our 5-inch heels, of course.

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Do you gentleman want to know why drinks are not free for you?

If boys were given free drinks, clubs would be left bankrupt, and you know it!

I remember quite clearly, one night I was out with my friends having a great old time when this incredibly drunk guy came bumping and grinding our way with his over-the-top dance moves and over-the-top alcoholic breath.

The sad fact is that as long as men everywhere take a stand for what’s right, club owners would be forced to treat men and women the same.

By MELISSA RODRIGUEZ

Contributing Writer
Online blogs replace old-fashioned diaries

By MARIA ZANARDI
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Online journals seem to be appearing everywhere. From Live Journal to Xanga, Internet journaling has become an unstoppable craze.

The basic format of an online journal consists of the person’s writing, a place where people can drop comments (and the journal-owner can respond) and links to the journals of friends and other random people the journal-owner wishes to call a friend (called a friends list).

This is called networking, a great word which basically means allowing the friends of people you’ve never met to read up on your life and the lives of your friends.

So just what exactly is the big appeal of letting dozens of acquaintances, and often strangers, into our personal lives?

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Next, you check to see what your friends have written, and, of course, you leave comments on their journals.

Obviously, you then have to see who the person who left a comment on your friend’s journal is, because he might be that guy from elementary school who kept sticking cheese sticks up his nose.

By the time you are reading and remembering that they weren’t cheese sticks, they were straws, an hour has passed and you still haven’t studied for the math test tomorrow.

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SUBURBAN WILDERNESS

By RAQUEL COOL
Staff Writer

For those who don’t have many plans for the upcoming spring break, here is a fun time consumer that can be used to replace all the fun in the sun: suburban camping.

The art of suburban camping is arguably the boca burger to the meaty burger of a real camping excursion. Still, don’t underestimate the flavor of this “meatless” experience.

Despite not being able to set up camp no farther than your own backyard, there are plenty of places in neighborhoods that are grassy, tree-filled, and most importantly, out of the way.

The key is to find a good spot where you won’t bother anyone and no one will bother you.

THINGS TO FORGET

When suburban camping, bird watching is – well, for the birds. Unless you want to eye the local ducks or watch them eye you for food, leave the binoculars at home.

Intermediate suburban campers should consider leaving their cell phones behind too.

You may not be away from it all, but isn’t it worth trying?

ACTIVITY BAG

If you’re feeling adventurous, find somewhere less familiar than your backyard. Even if you don’t live in rows of gated townhouses, find someone who does. Ask around! Refriend a suburbanite! There are plenty of places in neighborhoods that are grassy, tree-filled, and most importantly, out of the way.

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GATHER YOUR FRIENDS

Whether you only bring one person or three, work together to make this trip a smooth one. I personally favor a potluck approach to planning. For example, you bring the fishing rod and I’ll bring the bait.

PICK A SPOT

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For those who don’t have many plans for the upcoming spring break, here is a fun time consumer that can be used to replace all the fun in the sun: suburban camping.

The art of suburban camping is arguably the boca burger to the meaty burger of a real camping excursion. Still, don’t underestimate the flavor of this “meatless” experience.

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THINGS TO FORGET

When suburban camping, bird watching is – well, for the birds. Unless you want to eye the local ducks or watch them eye you for food, leave the binoculars at home.

Intermediate suburban campers should consider leaving their cell phones behind too.

You may not be away from it all, but isn’t it worth trying?

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Seafood bar and restaurant provides fresh quality foods

By ERIC TIRUMS
Staff Writer

A cold, rainy afternoon in Miami provided the perfect opportunity to step inside, leave the beach and enjoy dining on Miracle Mile at Tarpon Bend.

Tarpon Bend is a seafood bar and restaurant that has only existed on Miracle Mile for 10 weeks, but has been a staple of South Florida restaurants since 1997.

Started on a whim by four friends of South Florida restaurants, Tarpon Bend seems to be a true fashion designer. The bright green beans were exactly prepared fresh seafood. The lack of menu creativity, and the “Catch of the Day” items and fish. The two responsible servers, along with the bar staff and booths, were crispy. The easy parking, sufficient considering the time we arrived.

Tarpon Bend was more than a place to eat, it was a shift change for the wait staff. Many restaurants’ service suffers on mid-week afternoons, during the transition between lunch and dinner. The crab cake, which was topped with a spicy Remoulade sauce and a balsamic vinaigrette, was light and made up of the best of the best.

True to the menu’s description, the crab cake had no filler. The two responsible servers, along with the bar staff and booths, were crispy. The easy parking, sufficient considering the time we arrived.

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Feelin’ Crabby?: With three different locations scattered around South Florida, Tarpon Bend offers a variety of seafood and wine selections to its public. Even during slow times of the day, it’s staff remains responsive to all concerns. 

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I walked into Tarpon Bend for a late afternoon, midweek lunch with a fellow diner. We were greeted by a welcoming and modern hostess that stood right at the entrance. The atmosphere also included trendy, light colors.

The bar also reflected this new contemporary style that consisted of plasma TVs and waiters cloaked in black attire. The bar staff, many restaurants’ service suffers. The crab cake was brought to the table with a key lime mustard sauce. The small salad of greens was topped off with a balsamic vinaigrette. True to the menu’s description, the crab cake had no filler. The two responsible servers, along with the bar staff and booths, were crispy. The easy parking, sufficient considering the time we arrived.

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I selected a white wine blend of Sauvignon Blanc and a Chardonnay from California called Conundrum to accompany my

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RESTAURANT

Tarpon Bend
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Tarpon Bend focuses on seafood and definitely knows how to prepare its dishes.

The salmon was perfectly cooked medium with a light whole grain mustard and honey glaze, colorfully laid upon the orzo with roasted zucchini and yellow squash. Service at Tarpon Bend was more than sufficient considering the time that we arrived.

On a slow mid-week afternoon, during the transition between lunch and dinner and a shift change for the wait staff, many restaurants’ service suffers.

The two responsible servers, along with the bar staff and booths, were extremely helpful and attentive. It was obvious that the menu and wine list had not been learned to a tee, but that is expected for a restaurant that has only been opened for 10 weeks.

Tarpon Bend seems to be following the same recipe for success as its sister restaurants. It has a popular happy hour, laid back atmosphere and correctly prepared fresh seafood.

The easy parking, sufficient service and trendy ambiance also adds positively to the dining experience. The lack of menu creativity, the steep prices and the plate presentation subtracted from the experience.

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Hitting left-handed sparks success for Murray

By ALDEN GONZALEZ
Staff Writer

Thanks in large part to slugging outfielder Deomni Murray, the Golden Panther softball team has kicked off the 2005 campaign with a winning 15-9 record.

Despite batting right-handed throughout her entire life, Murray switched to bat from the left side of the plate at the start of her freshman year and currently leads the team with a .351 batting average.

“Those are just the kind of people she is,” said Murray’s teammate and current roommate, Brittany Witherow. “Her presence on the field makes her unique. She never seems to panic and always keeps a cool head.”

After completing the first 24 games of the regular season, Murray, from Lake-wood, Fla., who is majoring in broadcast communications, and her Devils-Ram, and getting a full scholarship ranked #1 in the nation (in 2003) was always used to succeeding, and I thought I was getting worse, but I was just slowly progressing.

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Q. What were the best things about growing up with three brothers?
A. Well I definitely like to sleep! But when I’m not doing that, I go shopping. I’m really good at tennis shoes.

Q. What are your favorite things to do in your spare time?
A. Discuss softball, brothers and life.

Q. What is your favorite food?
A. Macaroni and cheese!

Q. What is your favorite baseball player?
A. [Atlanta Braves center fielder] Andrew Jones. He’s really cute (Giggles.) He’s also a really good outfielder.

Q. Who is the person you admire most in your life?
A. My father because he has worked really hard for me and my brothers. He is the reason why I’m even here.

Q. What were the worst things about growing up with three brothers?
A. Well we did fight a lot, and they always beat me up. But I fought back and it was cool, because they treated me like I was one of them.

Q. What is the toughest thing you have ever gone through?
A. Coming [to FIU] and being changed to a lefty. It was really tough because I was always used to succeeding, and I thought I was getting worse, but I was just slowly progressing.

Q. What is the greatest achievement in your life?
A. I would have to say winning two state championships in high school, being ranked #1 in the nation (in 2003) and getting a full scholarship to FIU.

Q. What do you think makes this year’s team special?
A. We just have a bond on the field. Last year we had great players, but you can’t win with just great players. You have to click. I feel like this team has all the right pieces to the puzzle. Everybody understands their role and knows what they need to do for the team.

Q. What has Head coach Kim Gwyder taught you?
A. To be patient and always keep a level head. She helped me out a lot while I was trying to become a lefty.

Q. What is your greatest strength batting or fielding?
A. Fielding.

Q. What character trait did your parents instill in you?
A. Honesty and hard work. My father always told me that things always turn out for the best if you are honest, and if you work hard enough, you will always get what you want.

GOOD JOB: Deomni Murray gets praised after scoring a run earlier this season. Murray currently leads the team with a .351 batting average. GEOFF ANDERSON/SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

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Encourage global economic growth and development with a career in the Foreign Service.

Name: Heidi
Position: Foreign Service Officer
Career Track: Economic
Years of Service: 6 ½
Work/Travel Locations: Honduras, El Salvador, Malaysia, China
Hometown: LaPlace, Louisiana

Heidi recognizes that it’s important to remind foreign citizens that the United States is not a homogenous society. “It’s multi-ethnic, multi-religious, and, at the end of the day, we’re all Americans by virtue of our citizenship, not our ethnicity.”

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Next step for Price: championship ring

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It’s a dream he’s held ever since he was an outfielder on the 1973 Inaugural Baseball team, when FIU’s athletes wore Sunblazers instead of Golden Panthers on their chests—a dream that’s teased him and eluded him time and time again.

It is a dream he is determined to catch. But I hope he’ll take some time from that dream to reflect on what he has done and give himself a pat on the back.

It’s an amazing feat, and it adds more cement to his already legendary career.

CONGRATS: President Modesto A. Maidique, Coach Danny Price, and Chief of Staff Paul Gallagher, hold Price’s now retired jersey number 21. Price is the first baseball coach to have their jersey retired at FIU. Alex Hernandez/The Beacon

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UP HIGH: Spring football season has gotten tougher as players put on pads for the first time last week. Above, safety Nick Turnbull jumps for an interception in practice. Bad news from spring training includes an injury to senior center Victor Cermis who sprained his right elbow during drills. His services will be lost for the remainder of spring practice. GEOFF ANDERSON/SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

without spending lots of time considering milestones and accomplishments and things like that. I don’t have room in my head for anything but winning.”

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Dennis Diaz steals three bases in victory

In the bottom half of the inning, FIU cut the deficit to one run after Diaz scored off a ground ball by junior Michael Lopez. FIU then took the lead in the third inning after an RBI single by Diaz and a throwing error from the catcher (who attempted to catch Diaz stealing second) that scored shortstop Luis Rivera. FIU added two more runs in that inning, as well as two more in the fourth, to take a 7-2 lead. Quinnipiac crawled within a two-run deficit, 7-5, after scoring one run in both the fifth and sixth inning, off Gonzalez and another in the seventh, off junior Matt Rainey. However, Cadena put the game away in the bottom of the seventh inning with a two-run homerun over the wall in left-center. Danny Hernandez pitched a scoreless ninth inning.

Junior Frank Gonzalez (3-0) picked up the win in relief of starter Denny Hernandez. Gonzalez pitched five and two-thirds innings, allowed two runs on six hits, walked one batter and struck out two. Gonzalez pitched a scoreless ninth inning. The historic win in relief of starter Denny Hernandez led to two runs.

Junior Nick Cadena who went 3-for-3 with a homerun, three RBIs, one run scored and a stolen base, led FIU offensively. Senior Dennis Diaz went 3-for-4 with three stolen bases, four runs scored and an RBI.

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too high: Chris Dunn slides safely into second base as the throw from home was too high for second baseman Wilson Matos. Pitcher Danny Hernandez picked up the save with a scoreless ninth inning.

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There’s more to Danny Price than victory landmark

No words I write could sum up Danny Price better as a coach. Being a champion is his dream, and every FIU baseball player sees it in writing every time they enter the locker room: “If you don’t believe, you don’t belong ... OMAHA.”

Earlier this season, senior center fielder Dennis Diaz broke FIU’s career stolen base record vs. LaSalle on Feb. 19.

While Price said he was happy about the record, something else he said stuck in my head: “Records are fun only when you win.”

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In a sport where private colleges (like Miami) have a significant financial advantage over state schools (like FIU) in recruiting and Major League Baseball teams send scouts armed with radar guns and promises of fame and fortune to any good player willing to listen, the odds of a school like FIU fielding a team good enough to get to Omaha every year can feel like making lemonade with no lemons.

But this is familiar to Danny Price - it’s a part of the job, like the blue and gold he wears every game - and if you listen to him long enough, you might believe that despite the odds, he’ll find a way to lift up that trophy in Omaha. Somehow.

Last season, FIU Baseball finished 29-33, only the second time ever that FIU Baseball finished under .500. In his space in the coaches’ locker room, Price kept and read books like “The Power of Positive Thinking” to keep his spirits up, hoping to pass on the good vibes to his struggling ball club.

Early on in that season, Price spoke during an on-air interview about his thoughts on nearing the 1,000-win mark, and he seemed flustered by the question. Eventually, he said, “Get back to me with that question once it gets here and I’ll answer you then.”

Later on that season, I broached the subject again, this time off-air. And again, Price seemed flustered. But he did give me a partial answer.

“When you’re in my position, you don’t spend a whole lot of time on things like that. Winning games is hard enough...