President Maidique reveals retirement contract plans

BY ANA SANCHEZ
News Editor

President Modesto A. Maidique revealed to The Miami Herald that in consultation with his attorney, he is shopping around for a retirement plan, proposing a sum of $250,000 in his new contract.

The proposal is yet to be reviewed by the Board of Trustees. Speaking through the office of Media Relations, President Maidique did not directly respond to the questions posed by The Beacon, however these were his responses:

“No, I have no plans to leave FIU and I do not expect this will be my last contract,” Maidique said.

President Maidique, along with his attorney, researched contracts from other universities such as the University of Florida, Florida State University, University of Central Florida and Florida Atlantic University.

According to The Miami Herald, the proposed contract includes a year-long sabbatical, then, a return to FIU as a professor at his present salary which would make him the highest-paid, full-time professor by more than $100,000.

Expanding Menu

By Geoffrey Anderson Jr.
Staff Writer

“Burger King: Coming Soon” reads the sign placed in front of the now-defunct Smoothie Time at University Park campus Graham Center. Similar signs accompanying new campus food locations have recently appeared all over campus and are making students wonder when the new dining locales will open.

“Because all the new restaurants are coming soon, but there haven’t been any exact dates announced,” said sophomore Benjamin Mancia. I had heard that there would be more restaurants when the GC Atrium opened, but students are still waiting.”

The delays in bringing about new dining venues have been due to contract details regarding Aramark Innovative Dining Solutions, FIU’s current food service operator.

“Development was initially put off because the original Aramark contract was going to expire. The account went out to bid,” said Jeff Nadlman, resident district manager of food services.

The account was bade on Aramark, Sodexho and Chartwells food service corporations. Aramark was awarded a new 10 year deal with a two year renewal option. The paperwork was finalized Jan. 17.

“Both parties negotiated in good faith and legal counsel took the time to review everything. It doesn’t happen overnight. It took seven months to negotiate the individual points of the deal,” Nadlman said.

According to Nadlman, an expanded Subway will be the first of several new restaurants opening. Although a Subway is already located in the GC main food court, the restaurant is being relocated to the Atrium in order to provide more room for lines. The newly relocated eatery will be bigger and divided into two separate portions, both containing individual points of sale. While no specific opening dates are available on the new dining places, the expanded Subway is expected to open in late March.

“It’s a dual Subway,” Nadlman said. “By having two parts with separate points of sale, less time is spent waiting in line. The primary concern is the waiting time. During peak periods, we can operate both bays and during slower periods, one can be used.”

Besides the expanded Subway, the Atrium will also house Ben’s Pizza and Pasta.

The Italian eatery is a larger version of the restaurant that already appears in the Brezeeway Café. This larger variation will have more space for equipment, allowing for an expanded menu and shorter wait times.

Einstein Bros. Bagels is another chain opening in the Atrium this year. With a variety of bagels and sandwiches available, the soon-to-open eatery will have a diverse menu that students, like sophomore Ben Temeayer, find enjoyable.

“Einstein Bros Bagels is definitely a good idea for FIU. Being able to grab one of those delicious bagels with cream cheese before heading to class will be awesome,” Temeayer said.

Other students shared similar sentiments about the development of the Atrium’s food court.

“It’s about time that the Atrium is used for something besides studying. There has been nothing there since it opened. With a new food court, GC should be livelier and better than ever,” said senior Henry Wolfinger.

Although the GC Atrium has three new incoming restaurants, the GC Main Food Court will also be seeing several changes in the coming months. Burger King is currently undergoing design and has occupied Smoothie Time’s original location.

“Burger King is in its design phase. You’ll be seeing a wall in front of it as soon as construction starts,” Nadlman said.

So what happened to Smoothie Time?

“The owner [of the Smoothie Time] was willing to give up the space to the University for a Burger King,” noted Nadlman. Among other changes in the GC Main Food Court are the additions of Café Bustelo and Miso Noodle and Sushi Bar and the expansion of Pollo Tropical. Café Bustelo is scheduled to replace Java City and Miso Noodle and Sushi Bar will take over Smoothie Time’s old location. To determine the dining habits of students, focus groups and web-based surveys are done every semester.

“Based on our findings, Café Bustelo is what students are looking for,” said Nadlman. “As for Miso, the place will have a sushi chef providing fresh sushi daily to students.”

Aside from dining renovations in GC, both the Green Library and the new Recreation Center are receiving dining additions as well. A fully-licensed Starbucks is on track to replace the current Java City in the library’s first floor.

“Right now, we’re looking at the most square footage to see if there is enough space for the Starbucks,” Nadlman said.

Camille’s Sidewalk Café, set to open last month in the Recreation Center, now faces an uncertain opening date.

When the restaurant does open, however, students will be treated to a wide variety of wraps, sandwiches and soup. As for Gracie’s Grill and the new Lakeside Hall, there are contractual options for dining expansions, but nothing has been finalized.

“There is an expansion option for Gracie’s Grill. There are also options for housing, but that is a university-wide decision,” Nadlman said.

“Career Fair High turnout at Career Fair Vol. 18, Issue 44 February 13, 2006 www.beaconnewspaper.com
U.N. advisor criticizes American apathy

BY ADRIAN CORDERO
Contributing Writer

Lack of support from the United States toward human rights was one of the prevalent topics discussed by Gillian Sorensen, senior advisor to the United Nations Foundation, who came to speak at University Park on Feb. 8. Sorensen began her speech by stressing the importance of the United Nations in our world of increasing globalization; a position representative of what the UNF stands for. Sorensen attributes the lack of support from the United States and its institutions for the United Nations, to the little awareness in high schools and seldom-found awareness outside of a political science arena in college. According to Sorensen, this is beyond reproach.

“The United Nations is our world’s greatest mechanism for making peace,” Sorensen said.

“This was an opportunity to bring someone from the United Nations as the definition of an expert on global issues - to expose such matters to FIU’s faculty and students,” said Jennifer Giron, vice president of the Miami United Nations Association and graduate student.

UNA and FIU’s women’s studies department hosted the lecture.

Sorensen mentioned several human rights cases currently under review worldwide by the United Nations.

This was part of the title of the discussion; International Intervention in Humanitarian Crises. Overall, genocide in Sudan was dominating her speech, along with the lack of response to the situation.

Genocide in Sudan has resulted from civil war between the north and south, due to differences in religion, culture and race.

“If we know that genocide is taking place, why is America not the leading advocate to intervene? How long can one be indifferent? How many deaths will it take?” Sorensen said.

She did mention, however, that just two days earlier, the U.S. Security Council finally passed a resolution to send a peacekeeper to the war torn country.

Although she spoke of the idyllic notion of U.S. intervention without personal interest, the talk seemed a little U.S.-centric. I agree that the world, including the U.S., needs to intervene in situations like Sudan but we need to be extremely careful on how we do this,” said junior Ivanaessa Arañostegui, who is majoring in women’s studies and English.

Sorensen recounted political events involving the United States and their approach to the war against Iraq.

She said the United Nations found the evidence the United States presented about weapons of mass destruction using the idyllic notion of U.S. intervention as not concurrent with the facts, a notion since validated with the complete absence of such weapons in the region.

Still, she affirms that the United Nations is very much engaged in the struggle over Iraq today, seeking to stabilize the country for the sake of its people.

Besides the lack of information sought out by individual citizens, Sorensen stressed apathy as the largest obstacle to action.

“Indifference is not conscious; it’s not the result of a lack of our blessings for granted,” Sorensen said. “What is needed to help make peace in these extremely volatile situations is not American lives, but things we can sacri- fice that will only marginally affect our relative to how it will aid these people.”

SALES

• There will be a going away party for John Bonanno on Feb. 16.

• SGA is planning a university-wide constitutional review. The SGA constitution has not undergone any significant changes since 2002.

• SGA annual retreat will take place Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino.

• Election dates for University Park campus can now be found online on at http://www.fiu.edu/%7Esga/temp5.htm.

• SGA scholarship applications are reestablished to be resumed in conjunction with the Biscayne Bay Campus and they will be available Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. The application deadline is March 17.

By Adriaan Diaz
“Every major” represented at Career Fair

BY RINA LANKRY
Contributing Writer

Companies solicit necessary volunteer help

BY FERNANDO ANZOATEGUI
Contributing Writer

Companies solicit necessary volunteer help

BY FERNANDO ANZOATEGUI
Contributing Writer

I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.

I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.

I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.

I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.

I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.

I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.

I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.

I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.

I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.

I call upon the people of the United States to recognize the importance of mentoring, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

George W. Bush, President of the U.S.
I was reading the article, “In combination with Norway’s reaction to Danish Comic Strip,” regarding the Danish comic strip and how the Muslim community overreacted to that. As Muslims, we have certain beliefs regarding all religions. The Muslim community would have been disgusted just as much if these cartoons represented other religious figures from other religions.

The disturbing part of the matter is that people today look over all Muslims as terrorists and Islam as a religion is the source. The reason that people felt offended by these cartoons is that the cartoons pictured Islam as a terrorist religion by emphasizing Prophet Mohammed as a terrorist.

How would other religions feel if that was the case to their religious figures? I do not want to justify the burning of the consulates and fatal demonstrations, which is mostly done by some uneducated people, because this is the minority percentage of the whole Islamic world. In addition, it is wrong to face this problem in such a way.

However, free speech should not be exercised in such a way that it harms that a group of people are all terrorist based on religion; whereas, in fact, other issues like the Holocaust were mentioned once by one of the leaders and the matter cascaded all the way to the United Nations. So it is racist to mention that, but such cartoons are not! How would people feel if these cartoons targeted Christian or Jewish religious figures? Wouldn’t they feel the same? Again, that does not justify what was done over the matter. I think the Muslim world lost a lot of its ground on a just case by having some irresponsible acts by some unfortuitous parties.

Furthermore, I think the writer exaggerated by forestalling a war on countries by terrorist groups like Hezbollah, which is a group fighting for their invaded land in Lebanon. I think that if someone wants to exercise this right, right, real terrorists should be targeted not religious figures.

Abdul J. Zakariya Graduate student Electrical Engineering major

Apparently, the Graham Center Atrium has a purpose other than to provide a quiet retreat from the noise and chicken smell that is in the GC main food court. FIU is planning to add a variety of food services to the area this year, including an expanded Subway restaurant (relocated from the GC main food court), Benc Pizza and Pasta and an Einstein Bros. Bagels. In the food court that exists now well get a sushi restaurant called Miko, and, perhaps most exciting to students, a Burger King that has a Smoothie Time once stood.

In addition to giving the Atrium a purpose other than pleasing the aesthetic sensibilities of FIU students, the addition of these locales will fix the food court’s two big faults: long lines and lack of variety.

With two locations where students can go to buy food, lunchtime will certainly seem less crowded and will take a much shorter time.

The addition of a fresh sushi restaurant will not be an improvement over the six bland-looking rolls offered in the Pantherstop. The expansion also allows students to have a healthier meal, a stark contrast to the Burger King that will open around the corner.

Although these changes will be a welcomed addition to GC, no date has been set for when they will take place. This has been an ongoing problem for dining services at FIU. Last March, the University shared a similar plan for the Atrium, but it never came to fruition. In fact, the University seems to have been unsure of what to do with the Atrium since it was built. Ideas have ranged from spaces for DJs and bands to podiums for speeches. Mostly, it has served as a dance hall for the Salsa Kings and a quiet place to study when break dancers are not around blasting their music.

The initial excitement students may have felt at these promises were dashed by the long wait. Now that the plans have been approved, it looks as though the changes will add variety and life to GC. It is a shame, however, that students have had to wait so long for these changes.

BY CHRISTOPHER NECUZE Opinion Editor

Keeping love a couple’s game

As a photo technician for the company CVS, I am blessed (note sarcasm) to work near the tabloid section of the store. This is the part of the store with an allure that attracts almost everyone.

Tabloids are nothing but a guilty pleasure that, no matter how vocal you are about the literature being nothing more than no good rubbish, you can’t seem to keep yourself from reading the headlines on the covers or just outright picking up the whole publication.

The relationship of Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson was probably one of the most documented and publicized relationships of the recent past.

Tabloid after tabloid – not to mention their own TV show, “Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica” – scrutinized every aspect of the young couple’s life together. It was only a matter of time before all attention would take its toll on the stability of their relationship.

Lachey and Simpson announced their divorce after months of supposed scandals, affairs, alien abductions – the whole works. The tabloids really outdid themselves this time and it’s a shame, too, because even 1, Mr. Skeptic himself, had them pegged as the real thing.

You don’t have to be an internationally known super couple, nor must you have your personal life published among the pages of OK! and Us Weekly to suffer from the very same maladies which ruined the newbeads and countless other couples.

This isolation gave me and my partner the opportunity to create a relationship apart from the juvenile, immature dramas which ruled the high school social scene.

Relationships that bask in the public eye, whether it be the eyes of a million or a few, have to deal with unnecessary pressure that those who keep their relationships discreet don’t have to worry about.

This lesson was taught to me by my own personal experiences. Most, if not all, of my past relationships have been with women who did not attend my school. Though this isolated my significant other from my main base of friends, it also kept my relationships away from the public eye, whether it be the eyes of a million or a few.

This isolation gave me and my partner the opportunity to create a relationship apart from the juvenile, immature dramas which ruled the high school social scene.
Phone jammers excessive in theaters

BY CHRISTINE LIRIANO
Contributing Writer

For some movie theater owners, this petition to the FCC is the only way to ensure a ring-free and enjoyable movie-going experience.

Issues of the heart require privacy

From LOVE, page 4

The juvenile, immature dramas that ruled the high school social scene. We were detached from the analysis of our peers, giving our relationship immunity from gossip – not to mention providing us with a never-ending source for conversation and talking points, seeing as how we both had our own separate lives.

This is where Lachey and Simpson and numerous other young people got it wrong. Though sharing the same base of friends may at first seem like a virtue, it can eventually prove to be a crutch, if not a demon, that destroys the relationship should the couple fail to have their own relationship aside from those they have with their peers.

I am not against double-dates or anything like that, if that’s what you’re thinking. All I am suggesting is that two people in a friendship should have just that: a relationship.

You can hang out together with your friends, just make sure that there is that ‘alone time’ where you can focus on each other – how you may want to interpret focus is totally up to you.

I encourage couples to seek a middle ground, as the other extreme can be equally disastrous. You must try to be at least acquainted with your partner’s friends, as a failure to do so can eventually lead to jealousy, which, needless to say, can be the kiss of death for any relationship, romantic or otherwise.

Romantic relationships can, at times, become too social, putting the relationship itself in jeopardy. Whether the relationship contains a star-studded cast or just regular people, over-exposure is a problem that eats away at any foundation. Lovers, this Valentine’s Day protect what you have because it is yours and no one else’s – and that’s advice from someone who knows first-hand.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Should the evangelicals be allowed to give possibly incendiary sermons on campus?

- Yes – It is their First Amendment right.
- No – What they were saying was hurtful and derogatory.

WINNER & LOSER

WINNER
Teenage boys: A new government analysis shows that teenage girls are trying drugs and alcohol at higher rates than boys are. The study is believed to be biased, however, because it took into account the mickeys administered to the girls by the boys.

LOSER
Koranic toilettry: In Germany a man identified only as Manfred Van H., printed sheets of toilet paper with the sentence “Koran, the Holy Qur’an” and sent them to mosques and different business locales. The man proposed to build a “memorial to all victims of Islamic terror” with the money from the toilet paper sales. If you really wanted to make money off that toilet paper, you should have sent it to Danish newspapers.

QUOTATION NATION

"FYI from FEMA."

– An e-mail from the agency, detailing the extent of the damage soon after the breaking of the levees in New Orleans. The e-mail and other documents show that news of the damage reached the White House much sooner than they might have led on.

“The mayor never was a Republican, he always was a liberal Democrat.”
– Thomas V. Ognibene, New York City Council Republican leader, on Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s political shift after his reelection. Many have noticed that he is leaning more to the left.

“Any weakness ... will result in a negative effect – not only for Israel, but also for the Palestinian people and for the international community.”
– Tzipi Livni, Israeli Foreign Minister, on Russia’s decision to invite Palestinian election winner Hamas to Moscow for talks. Israel has protested strongly to the decision.

“I heard that there would be more restaurants when the Graham Center Atrium opened, but students are still waiting.”
– Benjamin Mancia, a sophomore, on dining services around the University Park.
If you thought you had a boyfriend worse than any other, you might want to read Justin Racz’s “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” and “50 Relatives Worse Than Yours” – “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” appears that it will be the most successful. Racz was able to capture the worst boyfriends possible.

Each profile contains the guy’s benefits, drawbacks, looks and more. As you read each, it seems to be getting worse and worse.

One particular boyfriend who takes the cake is “Mr. Miami Beach,” who is old enough to be your great grandfather, and “Hypochondriac Al” who will never let you be the only one who’s sick.

However, the book was short one “worse boyfriend.” I would really have liked to read about a sports fanatic. All those guys out there who love sports more than their women have got to go.

The rest was pretty much covered. It’s almost as if Racz had gone and dated each one of these horrible guys himself, for he profiled each one to a tee.

In the end, “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” is full of wit and will leave you loving and appreciating your boyfriend more than you ever thought you did.

YIKES! “Worst Kiss Ever” is boyfriend number six and he needs to be taught a lesson – giving nasty tongue baths. COURTESY PHOTO

BY ALICIA BUSTAMANTE
Assistant Life! Editor

BY MICHELLE SANSTEBAN
Life! Editor

If you thought you had a boyfriend worse than any other, you might want to read Justin Racz’s “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” and “50 Relatives Worse Than Yours” – “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” appears that it will be the most successful. Racz was able to capture the worst boyfriends possible.

Each profile contains the guy’s benefits, drawbacks, looks and more. As you read each, it seems to be getting worse and worse.

One particular boyfriend who takes the cake is “Mr. Miami Beach,” who is old enough to be your great grandfather, and “Hypochondriac Al” who will never let you be the only one who’s sick.

However, the book was short one “worse boyfriend.” I would really have liked to read about a sports fanatic. All those guys out there who love sports more than their women have got to go.

The rest was pretty much covered. It’s almost as if Racz had gone and dated each one of these horrible guys himself, for he profiled each one to a tee.

In the end, “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” is full of wit and will leave you loving and appreciating your boyfriend more than you ever thought you did.

YIKES! “Worst Kiss Ever” is boyfriend number six and he needs to be taught a lesson – giving nasty tongue baths. COURTESY PHOTO

BY ALICIA BUSTAMANTE
Assistant Life! Editor

BY MICHELLE SANSTEBAN
Life! Editor

If you thought you had a boyfriend worse than any other, you might want to read Justin Racz’s “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” and “50 Relatives Worse Than Yours” – “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” appears that it will be the most successful. Racz was able to capture the worst boyfriends possible.

Each profile contains the guy’s benefits, drawbacks, looks and more. As you read each, it seems to be getting worse and worse.

One particular boyfriend who takes the cake is “Mr. Miami Beach,” who is old enough to be your great grandfather, and “Hypochondriac Al” who will never let you be the only one who’s sick.

However, the book was short one “worse boyfriend.” I would really have liked to read about a sports fanatic. All those guys out there who love sports more than their women have got to go.

The rest was pretty much covered. It’s almost as if Racz had gone and dated each one of these horrible guys himself, for he profiled each one to a tee.

In the end, “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” is full of wit and will leave you loving and appreciating your boyfriend more than you ever thought you did.

YIKES! “Worst Kiss Ever” is boyfriend number six and he needs to be taught a lesson – giving nasty tongue baths. COURTESY PHOTO

BY ALICIA BUSTAMANTE
Assistant Life! Editor

BY MICHELLE SANSTEBAN
Life! Editor

If you thought you had a boyfriend worse than any other, you might want to read Justin Racz’s “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” and “50 Relatives Worse Than Yours” – “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” appears that it will be the most successful. Racz was able to capture the worst boyfriends possible.

Each profile contains the guy’s benefits, drawbacks, looks and more. As you read each, it seems to be getting worse and worse.

One particular boyfriend who takes the cake is “Mr. Miami Beach,” who is old enough to be your great grandfather, and “Hypochondriac Al” who will never let you be the only one who’s sick.

However, the book was short one “worse boyfriend.” I would really have liked to read about a sports fanatic. All those guys out there who love sports more than their women have got to go.

The rest was pretty much covered. It’s almost as if Racz had gone and dated each one of these horrible guys himself, for he profiled each one to a tee.

In the end, “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” is full of wit and will leave you loving and appreciating your boyfriend more than you ever thought you did.

YIKES! “Worst Kiss Ever” is boyfriend number six and he needs to be taught a lesson – giving nasty tongue baths. COURTESY PHOTO

BY ALICIA BUSTAMANTE
Assistant Life! Editor

BY MICHELLE SANSTEBAN
Life! Editor

If you thought you had a boyfriend worse than any other, you might want to read Justin Racz’s “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” and “50 Relatives Worse Than Yours” – “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” appears that it will be the most successful. Racz was able to capture the worst boyfriends possible.

Each profile contains the guy’s benefits, drawbacks, looks and more. As you read each, it seems to be getting worse and worse.

One particular boyfriend who takes the cake is “Mr. Miami Beach,” who is old enough to be your great grandfather, and “Hypochondriac Al” who will never let you be the only one who’s sick.

However, the book was short one “worse boyfriend.” I would really have liked to read about a sports fanatic. All those guys out there who love sports more than their women have got to go.

The rest was pretty much covered. It’s almost as if Racz had gone and dated each one of these horrible guys himself, for he profiled each one to a tee.

In the end, “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” is full of wit and will leave you loving and appreciating your boyfriend more than you ever thought you did.

YIKES! “Worst Kiss Ever” is boyfriend number six and he needs to be taught a lesson – giving nasty tongue baths. COURTESY PHOTO

BY ALICIA BUSTAMANTE
Assistant Life! Editor

BY MICHELLE SANSTEBAN
Life! Editor

If you thought you had a boyfriend worse than any other, you might want to read Justin Racz’s “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” and “50 Relatives Worse Than Yours” – “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” appears that it will be the most successful. Racz was able to capture the worst boyfriends possible.

Each profile contains the guy’s benefits, drawbacks, looks and more. As you read each, it seems to be getting worse and worse.

One particular boyfriend who takes the cake is “Mr. Miami Beach,” who is old enough to be your great grandfather, and “Hypochondriac Al” who will never let you be the only one who’s sick.

However, the book was short one “worse boyfriend.” I would really have liked to read about a sports fanatic. All those guys out there who love sports more than their women have got to go.

The rest was pretty much covered. It’s almost as if Racz had gone and dated each one of these horrible guys himself, for he profiled each one to a tee.

In the end, “50 Boyfriends Worse Than Yours” is full of wit and will leave you loving and appreciating your boyfriend more than you ever thought you did.

YIKES! “Worst Kiss Ever” is boyfriend number six and he needs to be taught a lesson – giving nasty tongue baths. COURTESY PHOTO

BY ALICIA BUSTAMANE
Valentine treat for your sweet

BY HARRY COLEMAN
Editor in Chief

Due to my extensive time at Café Charlotte – a restaurant located on 15th Street and Washington Avenue in South Beach – many of my friends ask me to give them a recipe of an easy dish to make that will impress their significant other.

One particular dish I love and doesn’t take much skill to prepare is the Argentine-style skirt steak. When cooked well and accompanied by a rich chimichurri sauce, the skirt steak (which is also called entraña) is an excellent dish to cook for someone special on Valentine’s Day.

Because the dish is a steak, a mixed green salad goes well as a side. Meat with any kind of starch does not mix well, so I would avoid French fries or baked potatoes.

INGREDIENTS FOR CHIMICURRI

- 1/2 teaspoon of Kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon of hot pepper flakes
- 1 oz of white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons of fresh garlic
- 6 tablespoons of fresh parsley

HOW TO PREPARE CHIMICURRI SAUCE

Chop the parsley and garlic into very small pieces. Once you do, mix all the ingredients in a bowl and let it settle for a couple of hours before use. Add more salt if desired.

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS DISH

After you have let the chimichurri settle and cooked the skirt steak, serve the steak folded at the tip and place the sauce on the side. Mix some green salad with diced tomatoes, balsamic vinegar, Greek Vinaigrette sauce, lemon and salt and you are ready to go. Enjoy the dish and let your significant other admire your skills.

SPRING BREAK DESTINATIONS

COSTA RICA

Small country packs big punch

Look for this spring break series in the Life! section every Monday issue through March 6.

By Sarah Rodriguez
Staff Writer

As spring break grows increasingly closer, many students may be realizing that the typical week in Cancun, or some such conventional location, is not quite what they are seeking.

As college students, we often look to be individuals and unique, so why not allow those qualities to carry over into our selection of a vacation spot? Although its attractions do make it a popular country, this untraditional spot is a great place to go.

Since spring break is a time to rest from the ordinary and explore the different, Costa Rica has the advantage of being called a truly original choice.

So what makes Costa Rica different? For starters, on the practical side, it is relatively economical. Debbie’s Caribbean Resort Reviews claims that airfare ranges from $350-$550 and that daily expense can be as low as $25. BoosTravel Goes so far to say that a trip there can come to “half the cost of a typical trip to Cancun.”

Secondly, although locals of many other vacation areas may be hospitable people, the people of Costa Rica are especially known for being friendly and welcoming to foreigners.

As if that weren’t enough to make Costa Rica stand out among its competitors, within its 20,000 square miles of land are located nine volcanoes – a topographical feature not found simply anywhere. Hiking atop several of these volcanoes is only one of the reasons Costa Rica can offer you an adventurous and exciting trip.

Other reasons would be surfing, snorkeling, scuba diving and kayaking, all available at Puerto Viejo de Talamanca, located on the coast of the

See COSTA, page 9

THE BEACON – February 13, 2006

www.beaconnewspaper.com

LIFE!

1. WHY DID YOU GET OUT OF BED THIS MORNING?

My two teenage boys and all the hope and possibility that they contain. Anyone would get up in the morning for them; a sense of needing to make a difference in the world to one person or a hundred people and to get others to make a difference so we all multiply the differences by many times more.

2. WHAT’S THE ONE THING THAT MAKES YOUR JOB AS A THEATRE PROFESSOR WORTHWHILE?

The fact that theatre has no boundaries of discovery or exploration. One can lead young theatre students in any direction, all the directions that are studied independently in universities and colleges and they all lead toward theatre.

At some point, a character will be in a film called A Beautiful Mind or Apollo 13. There isn’t a subject on earth that we should not be able to lead theatre students toward. That’s what they mean when they say art imitates life.

3. WHAT TV ACTOR OR PERSONALITY MAKES YOU CHANGE THE CHANNEL IMMEDIATELY?

Can’t answer that question. I don’t spend time switching on the television to programs or personalities that make me want to switch it to other channels. I just don’t have that kind of time. Basically, I watch only programs and people to which I would want to stay tuned.

4. IF YOU COULD BE SOMEONE ELSE FOR A DAY (FROM ANY TIME OR PLACE), WHO WOULD IT BE?

Laura Bush, so I could wield the kind of influence over President George Bush necessary to undo all the mistakes and damage that have been perpetrated.

5. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE NEW TREND OF SEEING POLITICALLY AND/OR SOcially ACTIVE CELEBRITIES?

To my mind, the greatest thing that has happened this decade is to see the gradual increase of people of influence, especially those with influence over young people step up and make a difference with their wealth and position, such as Bono, Bill and Melinda Gates, Angelina Jolie, Sean Penn and Robin Williams.

These are only a few celebrities who have brought about an unprecedented awareness concerning world issues such as hunger, AIDS, global warming, animal cruelty, war atrocities, ethnic discrimination and the desperate need for education in the third world.

- Compiled by Amanda Healy
I wish I could say Final Destination 3 (talk about a paradox) isn’t your typical horror movie with the top death sequences, a helpless heroine, an unstoppable killer and naked teenagers.

If you go into this movie actually expecting a quality film experience, then you obviously need a lesson in Hollywood 101.

The best compliment I can give this third installment in the franchise is that it offers a fun time regardless of the fact that it is a movie of one’s mental capacity.

Final Destination 3 continues the same, tired and overused formula of its predecessors, i.e. a cliché ridden plot punctuated with death sequences of such extreme brutality that they are at once shocking, as well as hilarious.

It’s a testimony of how far we’ve come as a society. As the film opens, we know that we’re about to witness the disaster paralleled to the car accident and the air crash in the first two films.

The weapon of choice this time around: a roller coaster. I think it’s safe to say that you might not feel like riding a roller coaster for some time to come.

Like the first two films, a character (preferably a hapless young girl) receives a premonition of a disaster and proceeds to watch her vision materialize. Wendy (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), a high school senior, is with a group of friends at a local carnival when she receives a vision of the roller coaster ride looking like a dying salon incident and more. The grim reaper must have pulled an all-nighter coming up with these ideas. Suddenly that rollercoaster ride looks a lot friendlier.

The only reason most people watch these films are for the deaths. Director James Wong knows this and that’s what he planned to deliver. It’s not the question of whom or why, but how a character dies. The audience just has to suspend disbelief, ignore the plot holes the grim reaper is proud.

The biggest problem with Final Destination 3 is that we know who will die, the order in which they will die and even the way they die. It takes out some of the impact of the deaths and it reduces the film a series of unfortunate events wrapped in flimsy gift wrap. The moment we see something even remotely resembling an image in one of Wendy’s photographs, we begin plotting a character’s death.

Bottom line: Final Destination 3 is not a quality film going experience. Then again, I think you would know that. If you’re interested in high school kids losing their heads and other parts of their anatomy, you’ll enjoy yourself. One thing’s for certain: The film makes the grim reaper proud.

**FINAL DESTINATION 3**

★★

2 out of 4 stars

Starring Mary E. Winstead and Ryan Merriman

Director: James Wong

**WIN…**

GREAT PRIZES WHERE YOU BLOOM UP THE OWN.

**MEET…**

THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE HAVING FUN.

**SHARE…**

YOUR PARTY PHOTOS WITH FRIENDS.

**PLAY…**

IN OUR BIG WILLOW SPRING BREAK HOODY ZONE.

**FOR MORE INFO:**

1-800-GO-GUARD.com/SB

www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com/SB

**ITALIAN ZONE.**

**HBO Rhino!**

**For more information call toll free**

(866) 389-8652

Email: phc@nsu.nova.edu

Se habla español

---

Women Between the Ages of 18 and 44

If you drink alcohol, even in small amounts, you may be eligible to participate in an important research study.

- Eligible participants will receive $40
- Participation, entirely by mail, involves two 15-minute surveys

All calls are confidential

For more information call toll free (866) 389-8652

Email: phc@nsu.nova.edu

Se habla español

---

This advertisement was made possible through a cooperative agreement between the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine (ATPM), award number 1U18-13350. The contents are the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official views of CDC or ATPM.
Caribbean Sea. And, yet, in the midst of so much adventure, students can calm anxious parents by assuring them of Costa Rica’s title as one of the safest nations in Latin America.

San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica, is known as the heart of the country’s culture and the source of the best nightlife offered. Visitors can get a taste of its cultural richness by noting its beautiful Spanish-style architecture and by checking out its Teatro Nacional—a historical site displaying ballets, operas, plays and art shows.

When it comes to lodging in the capital, hotels near the central park are convenient. This includes Hotel Hostel, which is considered to be student-friendly for many backpackers. Playa Tamarindo is another colorful and highly attractive area. Numerous sophisticated ethnic restaurants give it an air of class. Arco Iris is the place to stay in Playa Tamarindo if your style is more on the avant-garde side, while the Hotel Captain Suizo offers a more luxurious ambiance.

Costa Rica is often called the “Garden of Central America” and well in keeping with this nickname is the Monteverde Cloud Forest. This 25,000-acre forest is located right in the middle of the country and contains 2,500 plant species and over 600 animal species, making it well worth a visit for all nature lovers.

All these attractions come together to make Costa Rica a worthwhile place for taking the time to experience.

This March, consider breaking the worn-out, spring break vacations mold and explore new options instead by treating yourself to a taste of rich culture.

---

“At Ernst & Young you’ll get the on-the-job training you need to succeed on your own.”

We know you’re new to the work force. That’s why we’ve created an environment that’s conducive to personal and professional growth and success. At Ernst & Young we’re offering an opportunity to learn from some of the best talent in the industry. If you’re looking for a great start, look for us on campus. Or visit us on the Web at ey.com/us/careers. We won’t steer you wrong.
Forced turnovers help men’s basketball edge UALR Trojans

BY ANDONI GONZALEZ-RUA
Staff Writer

The men’s basketball team got things started on the right foot as they used stifling defense to win their first game during the Arkansas road trip.

The Golden Panthers (6-15, 3-6) never trailed as they held on to beat Arkansas-Little Rock (12-10, 5-5) 58-55, Feb. 9 at the Jack Stephens Center.

Ivan Almone, for the second straight game came short of a double-double, managing to lead the visitors in scoring with 11 points and seven rebounds. Johven Villegas added nine points off three makes from behind the arc and Alan Guyton added eight points in 24 minutes of play.

The Trojans were held to 40 percent shooting and gave the ball away 27 times. Despite out-shooting FIU from three-point range with six makes and out-rebounding, their visitors 28-15, their offense was startled from the beginning as they managed to score just 14 points in the first half.

Elijah Muldrow led the way for the hosts with 21 points while De’Andre Eggins and Zack Wright added 11 and 10, respectively.

UALR leader Rashad Jones-Jennings was held in check with only five points and eight rebounds; he came into the game third in the country in rebounds per game at 12.2.

The Golden Panthers led 23-14 at the half and never trailed in their second road victory of the season. The Trojans scored just two points in the first eight minutes of play and finished the half having made just 22 percent of their shots.

TOUGH D: The Golden Panthers held Arkansas-Little Rock to 40 percent shooting for the game and 22 percent shooting for the first half.

Elijah Muldrow led the way for the hosts with 21 points while De’Andre Eggins and Zack Wright added 11 and 10, respectively.

UALR leader Rashad Jones-Jennings was held in check with only five points and eight rebounds; he came into the game third in the country in rebounds per game at 12.2.

The Golden Panthers led 23-14 at the half and never trailed in their second road victory of the season. The Trojans scored just two points in the first eight minutes of play and finished the half having made just 22 percent of their shots.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL PRACTICE TEST EVENT

Take a FREE practice test at this event and you'll receive a detailed score analysis and exclusive strategies to help you prepare for Test Day!

Saturday, February 18th @ 10am
FIU Kaplan Center
University Park Campus, Graham Center #1200

Come and see how you might do on the GRE,GMAT,LSAT, or MCAT for Free!

ENROLL TODAY
Limited seats are available. Call 1-800-KAP-TEST or visit kaptest.com/practice.

GMAT | GRE | LSAT | MCAT | DAT | OAT | PCAT

KAPLAN TEST PREP AND ADMISSIONS

You can choose from a variety of master's and doctoral programs Barry University, including those in:
- Education
- Administration
- Counseling
- Human Resource Development
- Clinical Psychology
- School Psychology

When you become a Barry University student you join a collegial, Catholic community where the concept of the whole person is valued, and where a liberal arts tradition supports your intellectual and cultural growth.

Full-time and part-time programs are available.
Ready to find out more? Visit barry.edu/fiu

BARRY UNIVERSITY
11300 N. S.Econd Avenue
Miami Shores, FL 33161-6865
(305) 899-7128
Graduate programs in psychology (305) 899-7278
www.barry.edu/fiu

where you belong

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Easy work near FIU. Conducting telephone surveys. NO SALES. Work eves./weekends. No experience necessary. We Train. Call 305 553-9828

Aviation consulting firm looking for newly graduated students with excellent knowledge of either Korean, Japanese or Chinese who are available full time, who can travel occasionally with the right to leave and work in the U.S., excellent knowledge of Excel/Spread Sheet/formulas tables and office functions. Above position open for executive assistant, project manager, executive secretary and receptionist. Position also open for computer technician/computer internet security specialist and web designer/web programmer. Send a detailed resume with motivation letter to: Jobapplication@world-airline-service.com or by fax to (305) 675-0919

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you LOOKing for a novel with humor, satire, sex, action and adventure?? And free of charge and S&H?? If so, my novel, LOOKing for a 21st Century Virgin is for you! E-mail: Ramirodieg@aol.com. Offer ends 2/14/06.

SPORTS FANATICS

Are you a huge sports fan? Then the sports section is the place for you. Write for us!

Step by our offices in GC 210 or WUC 124 to apply!
Maier will reach medal stand in winter games

he won it in ’99, ’00 and ’01 and his wins in the Giant Slalom in ’98, ’00 and ’01 also came with no surprise as he dominated the sport from top to bottom.

Those performances, especially in 2000 and 2001, solidified his place among the best ever.

And if it wasn’t for a senior citizen, he would have kept his dominant streak and would have been the talk of the town in Park City during the 2002 Salt Lake City games.

While riding his motorcycle home from practice one night, he was hit by a 73 year-old driver who was making an illegal u-turn. It almost cost him his leg and for some time it looked as though he would never ski again.

It took him over a year, consequently missing the Salt Lake City games, but he was back and proved it with a bang.

The Austrian team put him into their provisional squad for the World Championships in 2003 and the move paid off: he won the Super-G.

So why is it that no one is talking about him now? It could be that the U.S. media focuses solely on their local products.

However, these games are across the pond and very close to Austrian territory.

Those cold-blooded madmen and madwomen from the Alps will take your breath away as you watch, on tape delay.

If you hadn’t heard of the skiing equivalent of an old timer, you will have once the games end Feb. 26.

Plan on seeing plenty of Maier as he tries to reach the place that was wickedly taken away from him five years ago: the top of the medal’s stand.

Maier will, after all, be immortalized next to the Italian, Tomba, as the best ever, even though, unlike Tomba, he will be traveling at nearly 80 mph on his skis.
Skier looking to prove he is greatest of all time

BY ANDONI GONZALEZ- RUA
Staff Writer

Alpine skiing is by far the hardest of all the events taking place in during the Winter Olympics in Turin this month. For any of those who disagree with me, travel to a downhill course and try to ski it.

A solid sheet of ice at an angle that would make a geometry teacher cringe is all that awaits you; if you go down it, you get a pat on the back from me. You are braver (and maybe dumber) than most.

An alpine skier who many are over-looking and who may walk away with three medals is Hermann “The Hermannator” Maier, possibly one of the greatest skiers in a while, and yes, I am comparing him to greats Marc Giradelli, Alberto Tomba and Ingemar Stenmark.

One headline maker – for anyone that wasn’t on this sports planet over the last couple of weeks – was young American alpine skier Bode Miller, who became the new bad boy/media junkie in the weeks that led up to the first winter series in Europe since Albertville.

Undoubtedly, not too many people missed his comments on skiing drunk and proclaiming himself one of the best ever in an interview by Rolling Stone magazine.

Interestingly enough, in a day and age in which society – thanks in large part to the media – lives for moments like Miller’s, so we forget other stories which impact the games more than any other.

That is, of course, until we tune in to NBC’s nightly primetime coverage.

I, for one, am not a big fan of their coverage. The fact that I can log onto a website and check who won the medals earlier in the day almost takes the fun out of watching it on tape delay.

Another thing we see a lot of, thanks to NBC’s Bob Costas, are all the sappy stories of how these athletes were shuttled to practice at 4:30 a.m. over distances that covered more than 100 miles, etc.

By the fifth story, I almost want to strangle Costas when he dishes the stories off to one of his fellow journalists. There is only so much that I can take, and to be honest, I would much rather watch actual sports coverage.

However, I, being the hypcrite that I am, will share a feel good story that has yet to grasp much attention.

In Europe, especially in Austria, Maier’s reputation preceded that of a superstar. At his prime, he was the man.

At 25, he was unstoppable and came one mistake short of leaving Nagano with three gold medals.

His 51 career World Cup wins rank second most all-time. He won gold in two of three events in Nagano, the Super-G and Giant Slalom, but crashed in the big one, like several of the 20 men he was racing against – the downhill.

That, and what was to come in 2001, kept him from being the undisputable best ever.

Though his legacy began in Nagano eight years ago, he now finds himself in a different spot at age 34. A position with little attention.

After Japan, Maier set the frigid world of skiing ablaze. His best event was always the Super-G, but that didn’t stop him from taking his ice-cold blood to the other two events.

He won the World Cup in Super-G in ’98, ’99, ’00, and ’01. The Downhill was his controversial folly, but he won it in ’99, ’00 and ’01 and his wins in the Giant Slalom...

See MAIER, page 11

Guys remember stats and skin, not hearts and flowers

THE BEACON
Sports Editor

[Note: This article originally ran in the Feb 14, 2005 issue of The Beacon.]

How do sports tie in with Valentine’s Day? Well, it is no coincidence that Valentine’s Day is right in the middle of February. With the NFL season two weeks past and MLB spring training a month away, this is the slowest sports month of the year.

Now, I know what you’re thinking: “That idiot forgot about the NBA and NHL!”

Of course I didn’t, but who watches the NBA anyway? Honestly, can you name two people you know who would drop whatever they’re doing because the New York Knicks are playing the Houston Rockets?

And the NHL, can you even name six teams for me? I didn’t think so either.

When I asked my friend, Miguel, how sports and Valentine’s Day are connected, it led to this exchange:

Miguel: Why would you ask such a random question?
Me: Because Valentine’s Day is in February.
Miguel: Oh [cryptic matter]!

Now, if I were to ask Miguel how many passing yards Dan Marino had in his career, he’d answer 61,361 before I even finished the question. This is a dilemma that has bugged women for ages (or since the beginning of televised sporting events).

So when greeting card companies invented Valentine’s Day, they chose Feb. 14 with the hope that men’s minds would not be polluted by arbitrary sports statistics.

All they did was lump Valentine’s Day together with birthdays and anniversaries as things guys are most likely to forget about their significant other.

But why is it that guys can remember that Barry Bonds’ MLB debut was on May 30, 1986, but can’t remember their anniversary, even if it falls on the exact same day?

For one thing, neither Dan Marino nor Barry Bonds have ever made a man stand outside a Victoria’s Secret holding shopping bags. They also have never asked a man if their new pants make them look fat. Nor have they ever gotten upset because you didn’t notice their new hair style.

The funny thing is that women don’t really care men forget those dates, even though it doesn’t seem like it. They know that the man must make up for it, which means that a plain gold tennis bracelet becomes a diamond tennis bracelet.

The gift-giving, however, should go both ways, and if by some highly unlikely chance you girls forget Valentine’s Day, have no fear. We men are simple. Just cook for us in the nude.

DAN THE MAN: Dan Marino will never ask a man if his new pants make him look fat.

KRT Connect Photo