Greek members wait for houses

BY RINA LANKRY
Contributing Writer

There is a collection of Jewish organizations in Biscayne Bay Campus and University Park that can provide the Jewish student population opportunities to meet other Jewish students, learn more about their heritage and offer low-cost spring break and summer trips.

One of these organizations is the College Learning Exchange. Their programming is a combination of serious, intellectual stimulation and social events such as eating, bowling, Karaoke and attending Miami Heat games.

“Students can achieve so much personal growth through accessing the wisdom that Judaism offers,” said Rabbi Saj Freiberg, director of CLE and adjunct professor in FIU’s religious studies.

Learning Torah is not necessarily just for a religious person. We’re trying to get away from the whole stereotype,” Freiberg said. “Anybody who comes to our events is going to find themselves around warm, friendly people.”

For spring break they are organizing a group trip to New York City for eight days, March 19 through the 26, for only $199 – which includes airfare, hotel and meals.

The regular cost of a trip like this is estimated to be at least $1,000. The trip includes visits to tourist spots, classes on Jewish philosophy, mysticism and personal growth and free time to explore the city.

CLE has a weekly class called Wisdom Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. offered free of cost in Room 166 at the UP Green Library. This class is run in conjunction with the Jewish Law Students Association. The class is interactive and focuses on Judaism’s perspective on practical life issues.

Off-campus, there is also a weekly series of classes at the Greater Miami Hillel located at the University of Miami, called Partners in Torah. Between 30 to 60 people come each week.

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Fraternities raise funds for construction

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such as FIJI, whose home valued at almost $2 Million.

Second, getting the resources to actually pay and start building the house is time consuming.

Andrea Gaspardino, associate director of Campus Life and Greek Life advisor, described the process in which each organization is responsible for securing their own funds for their houses, whether it is through private bank loans, fundraising or alumni giving.

“As of right now, Sigma Phi Epsilon is going through a challenging process of getting those funds for their house through private loans,” she said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon had a ground breaking ceremony almost a year ago to celebrate the opportunity of having a house on campus. The ceremony took place on Fraternity Row where their future house would sit, next to PIKE.

Sigma Alpha Mu is another organization who awaits their future house.

In the early 1990’s, they would rent out a warehouse in order to conduct meetings and host most of their chapter events.

“The houses will be able to give the campus that collegiate fraternity row kind of feel,” Gaspardino said. “It will help these fraternities conduct positive chapter events for the FIU community and sort of offer a different dynamic within fraternity Greek life.”

Some people question why sororities do not have houses.

“The reason why sororities have no house is really driven by the cost and liability issues,” Gaspardino said.

But, there is an alternative to sorority houses, and that is suites.

Many colleges around the country such as University of Miami and Penn State University are dedicating buildings just for sororities so they can have a space to call their own without the trouble of finding a piece of land for each organization.

“I think we could do something about it [suites],” Gaspardino said. “I would need to look for the buildings and remember in the end we will need money.”

Phi Sigma Sigma’s departed member, Janelle Bertot, who passed away approximately one-year and a half ago, was the last hand-picked Housing Chair for FIU’s Panhellenic Council and worked toward getting suites for sororities.

“As a council, we can make the decision of bringing back a housing chair,” Gaspardino said.

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National

NYC bouncer questioned on murder of grad student

A law enforcement officer announced on March 7 that a bouncer of the club where a graduate student was last seen arguing with him, was treated and released.

Fire Rescue was called to the scene and the young male was found slumped over in the driver’s seat of his car in the parking lot next to BBC library.

The burglar(s) stole a radio and damaged the dashboard and passenger window.

At 11:15am, an officer was dispatched to a report of an asthma attack. The nineteen year old male was found slumped over in the driver’s seat of his car in the parking lot next to the FIU library. Fire Rescue was called to the scene and the young man was treated and released.

Compiled by Andrew Leins

POLICEBEAT

MONDAY • FEBRUARY 27

• An administrative assistant at the Biscayne Bay Campus lost $120.00 around 12:30 p.m. when she went to the restroom. She had placed the money in her pants’ pocket, when she returned to work the money was missing from her pants. The money was not found in the restroom or the office.

TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 28

• Between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. at Parking Lot E of University Park Apartments, a car was burglarized. The burglar(s) stole a radio and damaged the dashboard and passenger window.

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NEWS

FIU

Lecture to discuss Bush’s administration

At the Biscayne Bay Campus on March 12 from 2 – 3 p.m. in Academic 1, auditorium 194, Janine Zacharia a foreign policy correspondent from the Bloomberg News, will speak on a lecture titled, “The Bush Administration’s Middle East Policy: An Insider’s View.” The cost is $5 to attend.

LOCAL

Democrats running for governor focus on FCAT

Rod Smith and Jim Davis, two Democrats who plan on running for governor of Florida, want to downsize the weight of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test has on passing high school.

Currently, if students do not pass the FCAT, they do not graduate. The FCAT has been the focus of Gov. Jeb Bush throughout his eight years in office. Smith and Davis hope to gain popularity among anxious parents of high school students and the support of teachers.

Last year, $43,000 was given to the Florida Democratic Party by state, local and national teaching groups. Davis wants keep the FCAT to test students but he would not reward schools teaching groups. Davis wants keep the FCAT to test students but he would not reward schools teaching groups.

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Jewish club prepares trip to Israel

50 students attend Jewish students from Miami-Dade College also attend CLE events.
CLE's trip to Israel-taking place this summer-is a combination of learning how to access Jewish text and touring. Last year they sent 85 people. It’s a three week trip starting May 14 through June 6 and is only open to Jewish students. The total cost of this trip is $499—which includes airfare, meals and accommodations. A ticket to Israel in the summer usually costs $1,200 from Miami.

Touring will include sites such as Masada, Tiberias, Jerusalem and Safed and will be combined with Torah Learning.
For more information about CLE, contact Rabbi Saj Freiberg at rabbifreiberg@gmail.com. Interested students can also visit www.barry.edu/cle.

FREE MASSAGE

RELAX: The Health and Wellness Center provided free massages at the Graham Center on March 7. Jackie Cabrera gave Melissa Saliba a massage a senior who is majoring marketing. Chris Crites/ The Beacon

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OPINION

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Sheehan simply looking for publicity

BY CHRISTOPHER NECUZE
Opinion Editor

I have just about had it with Cindy Sheehan’s anti-American antics. As an American, she is entitled to her opinion and I respect that, but the things she says demean everyone in this country. It has gotten to the point where she is not just putting down President Bush in her antics, she is insulting all Americans. It is hard to mention the very troops which fought alongside her son before he was killed.

For months now, Cindy Sheehan has been a regular face on the national news media; she has virtually become the face of the anti-war effort in America.

At first, it really didn’t bother me. Her demonstrations were peaceful – I may not have agreed with her, but she wasn’t physically hurting anyone. It wasn’t until I started hearing some of the things she was saying did I take notice to the founder of Camp Casey, the protest camp she had set-up outside of President Bush’s ranch in Texas.

In an August 15, 2005 interview on “Hardball with Chris Matthews,” Sheehan told Matthews that her position would not be different even if her son was not a non-Christian, but instead ended up being a non-Christian, but instead ended up believing) to inform us about its maxim, but he did it only to not after the country of Afghanistan.

Now, I’m sure that Sheehan didn’t hear what Matthews had just finished saying. The government of Afghanistan was harboring terrorists, the same ones that attacked the U.S. in 2001. Call it what you want, the government just as bad as the terrorists themselves.

Criticism hit close to home when Sheehan’s sister-in-law, speaking for the rest of the family, wrote this letter to Matt Drudge, a news personality, whom then made it public: “We do not agree with the

CINDY SHEEHAN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinion ignorant about Christians’ contribution to science

As for the “insane beliefs” that we Christians hold, I would only like to say to Mr. Diaz that there are plenty of insane beliefs that people (even FIU professors) regard as true in spite of their absurdity. Mr. Diaz is not only a non-Christian, but also one who considers this religion absurd. He indeed provided some info about Scientology’s origin and some of its maxims, but he did it only to prove how stupid Scientology is. At one point I really asked myself, why was it important to put Christianity into the article? In what way was it a relevant point? Perhaps Mr. Diaz can answer these questions for me.

As you might be rightly assuming, I am a Christian. The difference, however, is what I say differs from what Mr. Diaz wrote in that I am not a newsman. And yet, Mr. Diaz’s religious views are also manifest, even when he is trying to do journalism and not some sort of ideological propaganda.

Luciano Molina
Senior Philosophy and History Professor

In a recent opinion article, Adrian Diaz, assistant opinion editor of The Beacon, proceeded to compare Scientology’s beliefs with Christianity’s. His conclusion: they are equally absurd. I want to give Diaz some credit where it’s due; either Jesus was what He claimed to be, and that is God, or he was a delusional liar; he could not simply have been “a good teacher” because what “good teacher” audaciously claims to be divine? No let’s examine some of the crazy Christian beliefs we can see really how crazy they are (or are not).

Modern science was born in the Roman Catholic Church. Are all those crazy Christian scientists, like Louis Pasteur, Fr. Giambattista Riccioli (first to measure a freely falling body’s rate of acceleration), Fr. Athanasius Kircher (the father of Egyptology), Fr. Roger Boscovich (called the father of modern atomic theory), Fr. Georges Lemaitre (father of the Big Bang theory) absurd like spice cowboys L. Ron Hubbard?

In the 1500s, Saint Augustine already saw God like a geometer, having read in Wisdom 11:21 that God has made all things in measure, number, and weight. Why is it only the crazy Western Christians in history that enjoys unique success in the sciences?

To the crazy Western Christians the universe was orderly and rational, and therefore worthy of investigation. Five centuries before economist Adam Smith, crazy Catholic priests developed the idea of free-market economics — is this another Christian absurdity? In his “History of Economic Analysis” (1954), Joseph Schumpeter, a widely recognized great economist of recent times, writes of late 16th and 17th century Spanish theologians, “[It] is they who come nearer than does any other group to having been the ‘founders’ of scientific economics.”

It was these Christian crazies that established accurate theories of value, price, government intervention, monopoly, international trade, and money and banking. It just keeps getting crazier, don’t it?

And those crazy Christians were the ones who gave us international law, the not-so-called ‘Enlightenment’ thinkers. This was founded in the Christian delusion of the fundamental unity of the human race. Human rights don’t spring from ‘Locke or Jefferson’; nor from canon law. What a bunch of wackos!

Do you like fine metals, delicious bread, and a great tasting sandwich? Then you are a descendant of the Christians who introduced gunpowder, alchemy, and monopoly.

Let us never forget that Christians gave us wars and money, but there is no fence, no need for a Beacon to opine in — it’s all insane! Nothing like the univeral in existence in antiquity — it is a true Christian phenomenon.

That’s clear that our civilization is greatly indebted to Christianity; in terms of philosophy, art, architecture, technologies, international law, charities, economics, and so on. To deny this would indeed be insane, a terrible condition known as deconstructionist subjectivism, a problem. I think it’s just plain old ignorance, something as old as the common cold.

- Bill Harvelle, Catholic Campus Lay Ministry

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Overturning Roe v. Wade would not outlaw abortion

BY PETER A. BROWN
KRT Campus

Americans think that abortion ought to be legally available, but not easy to get. Of course not everyone feels that way, but the polling data show that to be the consensus position in the United States on this most emotional of issues. Moreover, Americans views are long-held and unlikely to change.

But no one should be under the misconception that abortion would become illegal throughout the United States if the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.

All this is worth remembering as it appears we are headed for a new, and perhaps higher stakes, series of court and political fights over this issue.

The Supreme Court has agreed to decide the constitutionality of a congressional ban on a late-term procedure – a law that seems to be the kind of restriction most Americans favor. There are many who think the addition of John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the court bodes well for this law, even though it was thrown out by lower courts.

And, the court will almost certainly find itself ruling down the road on an expected South Dakota law that appears to conflict with Roe v. Wade and bans nearly all abortions.

The case that will go before the Supreme Court involves one type of late-term abortion. Its critics call such procedures partial birth abortions because they occur when the fetus' head is lodged in the birth canal. The fetus is brought out feet first and the skull is punctured to allow doctors to vacuum out the brain. The procedure is known medically as "intact dilation and evacuation."

When asked specifically about this procedure, strong majorities of Americans tell pollsters they do not think it should be legal.

The key issue in this case, and others involving abortion restrictions, is a 1992 Supreme Court decision that upheld Roe and said the law could not impose an "undue burden" on women. That, until now, has been interpreted to mean that any law must protect the health/life of the mother, an exception that abortion-rights opponents say has been abused.

The case is likely to be heard in the fall during an election campaign that was already expected to be emotionally charged, given the war in Iraq and deep divisions within the country.

The betting is that since Alito replaced Sandra Day O'Connor, who was the swing vote on restrictions, his support of some other abortion limitations as an appeals-court judge might indicate his inclination and lead to reversal of lower courts rulings.

An effort to block the South Dakota law is unlikely to reach the Supreme Court for some time. But even if the court were to reverse Roe, that would not make abortion illegal nationally. It would just leave it up the states to decide how to handle the issue within their borders.

Given public opinion, that probably means that in some states abortion would become illegal, but in most it would be available under varying restrictions. If nothing else, Americans would then begin paying a lot more attention to their state legislators.

ROE'S WORDS: Chief Justice John Roberts could tip the balance to Overturn Roe v. Wade. Protestors partial birth abortion and abortion in general.

ROBERTS

WINNER & LOSER

WINNER

Congress: Congress has decided to give itself a St. Patrick’s day break to deal with the stress Congressmen are under. No it wasn’t Ted Kennedy who suggested it.

LOSER

Mr. Spears: An article in The Emperor alleges that Kevin Federline called ahead to a restaurant and requested they not serve dessert to his wife, Britney Spears, or anyone else at the table because she would eat it. He also warned diners to watch their fingers.

QUOTATION NATION

“When you’re forming a government, you can’t form it with any kind of sectarian element.”

– Maj. Gen. J.D. Thurman, commander of the Fourth Infantry Division, on American efforts to reduce Shiite control of the Iraqi military.

“ar the international community has spelled out what Iran must do — that means suspend all enrichment activity.”

– Scott McClellan, White House spokesman, on Iran’s nuclear policy. A serious rift has emerged between Russia and the United States on the issue when Russia announced a plan to allow Iran to make small quantities of nuclear fuel.

“We were doing this to inflate our earnings, and I don’t think we wanted to show people what we were doing.”

– Andrew Fastow, former Enron Corp. finance chief, on running financial partnerships that helped the company hide as much as hundreds of millions of dollars in losses.

“In the history of the world, the true test of a civilization is how well people treat the most vulnerable and most helpless in their society.”

– Michael Rounds, governor of South Dakota, on signing a bill banning abortion in that state.

“Rabbi Freiberg is a very young energetic guy, whose students can relate to. He raps, he beat boxes, and he goes completely wild when we have a party.”

– Eli Gigi, FIU student, on the director of the Collegiate Learning Experience. A Jewish organization on the FIU campus.

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Are students too apathetic when it comes to on campus issues such as increases in tuition?

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• No – Students are concerned enough with what goes on.

It would be lovely if students would have been more aware of these issues to begin with.

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American Heritage teaches diversity, culture

BY MARIA CHERCOLES
Contributing Writer

What is it to be an American? This is what American Heritage week, from March 13-16, hopes to answer by offering different activities that will teach and reinforce diversity and tolerance among students.

According to Bill Buchanan, Student Programming Council president and American Heritage chair, the event will be a learning experience.

“It is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of [the American] life, food and culture, as well as having fun,” Buchanan said. “[Past] celebrations have been exceptionally awesome. I hope to surpass that feeling this year.”

American Heritage week plans to enlighten students on America’s immigrant past. This year’s highlight will be a comedy show starring Nick Swardson with an opening act by Jim Florentine on March 16.

Some events planned for the week include an opening reception, a southern cuisine picnic, a karaoke night and line dancing lessons. Also, Walk the Line, the movie about famous country and rock musician Johnny Cash, will be shown while Shorty’s will provide a barbecue dinner.

“We are excited about the comedy show and the dinner and movie since they are the biggest events we are programming,” said sophomore Sophia Del Zoppo, Buchanan’s right hand person. “We expect lots of FIU students to show up.”

The celebration of American Heritage in FIU began as part of the original Spring Festival organized every year by SPC; from there, it was broken into different heritage celebrations.

“It started and continues because we are such an eclectic school, where our students cultures are all different [and] we attempt to spotlight that [diversity] throughout the year,” Buchanan said.

Students understand the need for a festival that celebrates America’s culture, especially because it’s a mix of so many others.

“So many people feel as if their culture is represented,” Weinberg said.

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French café offers authentic treats

BY LAUNDA DE LA FUENTE
Contributing Writer

It may have taken Paul 116 years to reach the shores of the United States from France, but here he is, serving sweet confectionery gifts, delicate French fare and baskets of carefully crafted warm breads.

Alight, Paul may not actually be a man with French baked goods and snacks in tow, but I can say that Paul is a North Miami Beach and Aventura bakery and café that is ready to offer you a taste of France right here in your own backyard.

According to a history brochure provided by the restaurant, Paul boasts a network of over 300 quality bakeries throughout the world. Paul tea-rooms across the globe, from London to Tokyo, cater to more than five million customers each month; quite impressive for a small bakery and café that began in Lille, France.

Paul’s North Miami Beach location sits nestled in a nearly new strip mall named Biscayne Commons next to the Biscayne Bay Campus. The choice can be made to enjoy your food inside or out.

Once settled within the confines of Paul, the rustic and earthy ambiance whisks you away to a Parisian street corner. Bakery cases filled with sugary confections will disappoint the most scrumptious of dessert choices.

Their tarts offer fresh fruit inside a crumbly pie-like crust over light and savory custard. The fruit ranges from large red strawberries to granny smith apples to raspberries covered in strawberry jam but the chocolate crêpes, sprinkled with powdered sugar, is served with a healthy side of mixed gourmet greens tossed in Paul’s signature flavorful vinaigrette.

The most desirable aspect of Paul’s sandwiches is that you get to experience their fresh baked bread.

Their oven-baked Croque Monsieur features cheese coupled with turkey or ham on their celebrated typical white bread, carries with it a rich taste and thin golden crust. After 5 p.m., Paul adds to its menu a couple more tasty creations.

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One could easily move from a dinner crêpe to a dessert one. Their crêpes, sprinkled with powdered sugar, can be filled with apricot or strawberry jam but the chocolate choice is a must try. If you’re ready to splurge, freshly whipped cream can be added to top of your traditional French creation.

The tarts at Paul are some of the most scrumptious of dessert choices.

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Culture events showcase history

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cultures might be disappearing by being exposed to American factors such as McDonald’s, Tom Cruise movies and Hip Hop music,” said senior Pedro Ross.

“[However] the best aspect of being in America is the eclectic nature of the country. There is rarely a case in which we feel threatened by the introduction of a different culture,” Ross said. “If anything, it makes us stronger to be able to integrate a new culture. It broadens us and makes us unique.”

Whether you are a third generation American or you and your parents were born somewhere else, this event is open to anyone.

SPC hopes to teach students something about the United States they didn’t know.

“Being a ‘real white guy’ in Miami, this is one of the times where I am able to showcase my culture and share it with the people of Miami as much as they have shared with me,” Buchanan said.

For more information please visit the SPC office located in GC 2304.

GATHER 'ROUND: One of the many activities of American Heritage week is the popular line dancing.
Alfonso struck by pitch three times, hits homerun

BASEBALL, from page 12

Seven Golden Panthers recorded a hit in a match that featured seven errors, 28 combined hits and 25 combined runs.

Pullin and Chris Dunn had three hits each, while infielders Nick Cadena and Corey Lozano each had two. As FIU recorded 15 hits as a team.

The victory was sparked by a FIU three-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Bears answered back with one run in the third and six runs in the fourth inning, giving them a 3-0 lead. FIU erased the lead with four runs in the bottom of the fourth to make it 10-8.

New York Tech scored four runs in the sixth to make it 11-9.

Alfonso, who was hit by three pitches in the game, hit a mammoth solo home run over the left field wall in the bottom of the eighth inning to cap off FIU’s 12-9 victory.

“I guess I’m just a magnet,” Alfonso said. “It’s been like that all my life. I just wanted to get a hit [and the homerun] was more for revenge and getting a hit.”

FIU was led offensively by McOwen, who went 3-for-4 with a double, a triple and four RBI.

Eric Horstmann picked up the win in relief of starter Jorge Ramos, who allowed six runs in only two innings pitched. Horstmann pitched the final seven innings, allowed three runs (only one earned), two hits, walked two and struck out four batters.

FIU jumped out to an early 3-0 as Lopez hit a solo home run to right field and McOwen added a two-run triple in the bottom of the first.

New York Tech took a 6-3 lead after the second inning, to which FIU replied by tying the game in the bottom of that same inning.

The Bears added three more runs in the sixth inning of their only one hit, to make the score 11-9.

Alfonso’s three HBPs tied an FIU record.
Russo’s team has chance for Women’s NIT invite

as she and Sarah Shouse had the tough task of defending Jekabson.

FIU attacked the favored Lady Hilltoppers from the start, showing no signs of having lost twice against them during the regular season.

After a back and forth start, FIU took command through Jekabson, whose play down in the paint extended FIU’s lead to as much as seven, 21-14, during the first half.

Mary Taylor Cowles called a quick timeout as her team started the game shooting just 5-of-26 and her team came back onto the floor with a much different game plan.

WKU, who was riding a 12-game conference win streak, brought in 6-5 center Shouse to play on Jekabson and the Latvian suffered the rest of the way.

“When you have someone out there that is your same size it hinders you from doing what you usually do against shorter post players,” Shouse said.

Western Kentucky went on a 14-2 run following the stoppage and rallied to lead 32-29 at the half.

FIU made the adjustments in the second half and came out firing. It tied the game through a LaQuetta Ferguson 3-pointer on the first possession of the half.

The two teams then shared baskets up until the 9:29 mark, when FIU lost its last lead of the game.

After the Hilltoppers took the lead through a Kelly jumper with 8:11 left, they never looked back. They finished the game on a 16-10 run and booked their place in the final against tournament hosts Middle Tennessee.

FIU’s season is not yet over, however, as they may be invited to the Women’s NIT. Russo and her team will wait until Selection Sunday on March 12 to confirm the invitation.
WASHED AWAY: Despite having the second day of games rained out, the softball team went 0-3 in the Pepsi Malihini Kipa Aloha Softball Tournament March 3-5 at Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii – including losses to No. 8 California, UC Riverside and hosts Hawaii.


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Baseball scores 33 total in home sweep of Bears

BY XAVIER VILLARMARZO
Sports Editor

The baseball team scored a combined 33 runs and kept its season pattern of sweep or be swept in a three-game sweep of New York Tech March 3-5 at University Park Stadium.

The Golden Panthers evened up their record at 8-8 and New York Tech begins its 2006 season at 0-3.

“I didn’t think we pitched as well as I thought we were going to,” head coach Danny Price said. “But at the same time, I thought [New York Tech] swung the bats [well].”

The baseball team continues its 14-game March homestand and hopes to add to their eight-game home winning streak with a three-game series against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights March 10-12.

FIU 8, NYT 4

FIU opened up its weekend sweep with the help of starting pitcher Walker Whitley. The redshirt junior allowed seven hits, four unearned runs and struck out 10 batters -- recording his first career complete game and raising his record to 3-1 on the season.

The Golden Panthers were led offensively by Bryan Pullin and Luis Bautista — each recording two hits. Bautista, along with Michael Lopez and Alex Alfonso, recorded two RBIs.

FIU got on the board early, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first inning. Pullin scored on a Lopez sacrifice bunt, after leading off the game with a single to right field. Then, with two outs in the inning, Bautista blasted a solo homerun to right centerfield to make the score 2-0.

The Bears took a 3-2 lead (off two FIU errors), which was immediately erased when FIU scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Sophomore James McCown hit a two-RBI triple down the right field line and was brought home two batters later with an Alfonso sacrifice bunt.

The Bears added another unearned run in the fifth inning to make the score 5-4, but that was the closest they would get.

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