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THE GOOD WALK

MARATHON MAN: Participants of Relay for Life. a cancer fundraising event, gather Feb. 9 at the Football Stadium for a night of dancing, games, music and other entertainments. See Story, PAGE 2.

Law building officially opened

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Spectators cheerfully gathered outside the Pharmed Arena at University Park Feb. 10. Having spent their morning enjoying a complimentary breakfast and touring the new College of Law building, they waited eagerly for the doors to open and the show to begin.

The College of Law’s dedication ceremony was the final step towards the school’s completion after it received full accreditation last December.

The ceremony began with an introductory speech by the school’s dean, Leonard Strickman, and continued smoothly to include various speeches, all of which commemorated the building and the hard work it took to make it a reality.

One of the speakers was U.S. House Representative, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, grandson of the late Rafael Diaz-Balart, for whom the building is named after.

“This whole thing has just been such a labor of love for so many,” Balart told The Beacon. “Those horrible days, months and years we had where we thought we had a law school and then it just got taken away - the legislature just kept playing with us. But so many people believed in us … and the stars just aligned for us and we were able to get it turned around.”

After finally getting accredited, naming the building became another controversy. Seeing how much Lincoln Diaz-Balart and his brother, Mario Diaz-Balart, fought for a public college of law in Miami, legislators felt it was only right to name the college’s building after their grandfather.

Controversy arose when many found out that Rafael Diaz-Balart had been the former father-in-law of Fidel Castro. However, ties between the two families had been broken long ago. The ceremony concluded with a speech from keynote speaker Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a U.S. Supreme Court associate justice.

“Lawyers require interdisciplinary legal skills and values, and to have a school where so many can learn these skills is great,” Ginsburg said during the lecture. “A law school must have the room and for the fifteen minutes she spoke, everybody seemed in awe.”

“Even with all the legal homework I had during this period, I said yes to coming,” Ginsburg said. “It’s a great law school.”

NEW BUILDING: The new College of Law building is inaugurated Feb. 10, culminating three days of events and celebrations.

When questioned as to why he took the opportunity to speak plainly and write clearly, Ginsburg explained, “I’ve always held in high regard the idea that people should be able to think critically and express their opinions, it takes a successful lawyer to speak plainly and write clearly and to have a disciplinary legal education.”

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“Comparing law school with the attention she deserves and what I’m doing now,” Tallon said. “I know she is getting better but she is not as well as she once was.”

But for Tallon, the financial assistance and convenience offered by the center is incomparable.

“Because of safety issues, some parents may not have classes at FIU everyday, or whose children are not ready to begin school full-time. Under the new program, parents are allowed to enroll their children for daycare in two-hour blocks. The earliest block is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the latest block is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Next Fall semester, the center will relocate to the Graham Center and will offer hands-on indoor and outdoor activities. The center’s tuition varies but the average cost for students is $750 monthly, plus a one-time $125 registration fee, and an $85 supply fee. For faculty, staff and community members, there is a $650 monthly tuition fee, as well as a one-time registration and supply fees of $125.

The Educare/Flex-Time program for enrolled students is $6 per hour.

The program currently has a waiting list, but vacancies open as students graduate or children move from one age group to the next.
New College of Law holds forum on ethics

The College of Law will have a symposium on moral conscience in business and law Feb. 15.

The event is titled “Moral Conscience and a Faith Friendly Career in Averting: White-Collar Temptations, Scandal and Prosecution.”

It is dedicated to revealing an essential moral link of guidance for FIU graduates, business and law students and community participants.

Alfredo A. Porro Jr., a retired law professor, will be one of the discussion leaders. Topics to be discussed include conflicts and decisions that await each student. The keynote speaker will be David W. Miller, executive director of Yale University’s Center For Faith & Culture.

The event will take place Feb. 15 at 6:15 p.m., in the College of Law, Courtroom 1000.

Open air art festival exhibits students’ works

The FIU Art Festival will take place Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Junior Rob Freyre, a student majoring in math, is also an open air event.

Freyre was inspired to plan the event after visiting the Mad Hatter’s Art Fest in Coconut Grove, which is also an open air event.

There will be five tents and 10 display tables. Free food will also be served to the first 200 students in attendance.

— Compiled by Betsy Martinez and Maria Chercoles from wire reports

Supreme Court justice guest at building’s dedication

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Staff Writer

More than $29,000 was raised by student organizations, departments and local community members at the FIU Relay for Life, an annual philanthropy event where members from different organizations and groups walk around a track while others members raise money for the fight against cancer.

The 18-hour event took place at the Football Stadium in University Park Feb. 9 – 10 with the opening ceremonies and the Survivor’s Victory Lap when cancer survivors walked a lap around the track.

Volunteers from FIU and the South Florida community helped support the event by forming teams and hosting different fundraising activities such as selling food, drinks and materials. The volunteer organizations included fraternities, sororities, academic societies, housing residents and student-run organizations, as well as Campus Life organizations such as the Student Programming Council and Panther Rage.

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Relay for Life raises money for charity

“Relay for Life is a tremendous event where students can promote awareness,” said Melissa Gavira, the Relay for Life Event Chair.

“It’s a campus event and it gets the FIU community together... It helps you open up and understand the world better and become a better person.”

At 9 p.m., a Luminary ceremony was held where candles were lit in honor or in memory of those whose lives have been affected by cancer.

At the end of the event at 8 a.m., Gavira, along with her co-chair Meaghan Garcia, announced the winners of various awards. The Undergraduate Studies Office at FIU was named the number one fundraising team.

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The importance and uniqueness of the law school was further emphasized when Ginsburg acknowledged the percentage of Hispanic students enrolled at the law school.

“You have the highest proportion of Hispanic [students] in all the United States, 42 percent,” Ginsburg said. “The benefits of a diverse student population are not theoretical but real.”

Ginsburg’s speech concluded several lectures regarding display advertising and billing should be directed to the Advertising Manager at 305.348.2709. Mailing address: Graham Center, room 210 at FIU, Miami, FL 33199. Fax number is 305.348.2712. Biscayne Bay Campus is 305.919.4722. Office hours are 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. E-mail: Beacon@fiu.edu. Visit us online at: www.beaconnewspaper.com

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Local vendors offer cheap food choices

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LUNCH SPECIAL
North Miami appeals to a variety of pallets and spenders but as a student you may not always have the time or money to sit down in a restaurant for a couple of hours.

Welcome to At the Bay’s Lunch Special where we’ll take you to places you may not have known about around campus. It’ll take you three to five minutes to get there, but you’ll be back to class before you know it—with a full stomach.

CHEEN-HUAPE

Marco Velasquez, the owner of Cheen-huape spent the 1980s and 1990s serving food he grew up eating in Southern Mexico, as well as tasting and cooking so many of the delectable dishes he serves.

Located on 151st Street, across the Biscayne Bay Campus entrance, Cheen-huape’s varied menu adds a nice touch of home to the area.

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PHOTO GALLERY: Cheen-huape.

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The name for FIU’s College of Law building was made officially at a dedication ceremony Feb. 10. It will be called Diaz-Balart Hall, after Rafael José Diaz-Balart, the grandfather of South Florida congressmen Mario and Lincoln Diaz-Balart.

The Florida Legislature settled on the name in 2001, when it passed a bill making it official. It’s not clear on what merit Diaz-Balart was picked as the building’s namesake, but it’s certainly roused some controversy.

Diaz-Balart served under former — and much-reviled — Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista. It turns that out that no one likes a dictator, so if current dictator Fidel Castro is the most-hated man among South Florida’s Cuban exile community, it seems that Batista is the second most-hated.

Thus, the choice of Diaz-Balart’s name to appear above the law building’s doors has angered many Cuban-Americans, especially the left-leaning ones, including activist Bernardo Benes and founding FIU Professor Anthony Maimong. But Diaz-Balart is not Batista. Though it’s not for us to say whether Diaz-Balart was an honorable man or not, having worked in Batista’s government does not say anything about his character, positive or negative. Honorable men have served under dishonorable leaders before. Others have simply questioned the name choice because of Diaz-Balart’s lack of relevance to South Florida. He was an important lawyer in Cuba and he served as congressman and minister of transportation there. His contribution to South Florida, though, was minor, aside from having sired a local political dynasty. And his grandson Mario was instrumental in getting the law school state funding, so he wants the building named after his gramps, so be it.

Besides, any debate about the law school building’s name at this juncture is just beside the point. By now, the letters are firmly etched above the building’s doors, and they read “Diaz-Balart Hall.”

The Legislature gave the hall its name almost six years ago, during the 2001 legislative session. Anyone who has a quarrel with the building’s name should have spoken up when the topic was still up for discussion. In fact, they could said something during the six years that have transpired since.

The building has been inaugurated, dedicated and opened for a semester already. Its name is set in stone — literally. Making a fuss about it now is little short of political grandstanding. Noisemakers and rabble-rousers should save their discourse for things they can actually change.

Love it or leave it, it’s already named Diaz-Balart Hall.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Have your religious beliefs changed as a result of your experiences in college?

- Yes — Now I have a greater appreciation for my faith. **21%**
- Yes — Thanks to college, I have converted to another religion/Atheism. **16%**
- No — Nothing can change my religious beliefs. **29%**
- Huh? What religious beliefs? **18%**
- Yes — Now I worship the Golden Panther. **16%**

Total participants: 175
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Ever strolled through Deuxième Maison one sunny afternoon and passed by the mysterious Infant Development Laboratory? Well if you haven’t, the lab is located in DM 115 and, much like its name suggests, the lab deals with infants. “We conduct research on infants 2 to 10 months old,” graduate student Melissa Shuman, an infant lab employee, said. “We observe how they perceive objects and sound and how they learn the world around them.”

The federally funded non-profit lab, directed by psychology professor Lorraine E. Bahrick, was founded in 1984 and has conducted research on more than 10,000 infants in various studies. All of the research conducted on the infants is completely non-invasive. Rather, most of the research is done through pure observation. And for the parents afraid to leave their baby’s side, they get to remain with their child throughout the usually 20-minute testing process. In the lab, a special table is set up with two television sets for an infant to watch. Above each television are two peepholes for observers to see how the infant reacts to whatever is on the screen. While holding what appears to be a video game controller, the observers are trained to look for changes in the infant’s demeanor and press the correlating button on their controller.

“We have reliable and unreliable observers,” Shuman said. The reliable observers are actually those who have gained enough experience observing infants to accurately rate their demeanor. Senior Samantha March is one of those observers. “I find watching the babies a bit entertaining,” March said. “The fulfilling part is seeing how much we underestimate how infants are able to detect differences in their environment that adults take for granted.”

By comparing the data the observers input with the controllers to what was shown on the TV screen, researchers determine how different stimuli affect the infants. The stimuli in question happen to be footage of FIU students. If you have ever enrolled in an Intro to Psychology class at FIU, then you would have had to participate in Experiometrix, an online experiment scheduling system. Essentially, the website has students participate in various studies, and at times Experiometrix would direct students to the Infant Lab.

When I went to the Infant Lab that first time as a freshman, Shuman had me recite “Hickory Dickory Dock” many times. In addition to saying the rhyme I also had to say it with a hat on. This was to see how an infant would react to a person saying the same thing, but looking a little different. And so I was recorded and the best performance I gave was looped over and over again.

Any data collected by someone not considered to be reliable is not used in any study, but it is used to evaluate the observer over time, which in turn should lead to the observer becoming reliable or rather, experienced enough to evaluate the infant’s expressions properly.

After the observations are completed, infants receive a certificate of appreciation for their time. Parents will receive a letter detailing what was found in the study involving their baby.

Currently, the Infant Development Laboratory is working on a big project with the University of Miami titled “Autism and Related Disorders.” The Infant Lab hopes to make some headway in that area of research. For more information on the Infant Lab, visit infantlab.fiu.edu.

The article started off strong but progressively was structurally confusing and boring. I combined a couple of the paragraphs in order to keep up the idea behind the piece. I also re-wrote the concluding sentence because the one given was a little inconclusive. I think it reads better now.

This year, Martin Scorsese will be a sixth-time contender in the Academy Award’s Best Director category. His nomination for his blistering and violent masterpiece *The Departed* represents his best chance at an Oscar. Shuman said, “I combined a couple of the paragraphs in order to keep up the idea behind the piece. I also re-wrote the concluding sentence because the one given was a little inconclusive. I think it reads better now.”

If Scorsese loses again Feb. 25, the only thing left to be would be to direct a war epic in Hebrew about a deaf, mute and blind genius overcoming drug abuse while singing about it. Considering that technique has worked with almost every Oscar-winning film or performance in the past, it wouldn’t be a surprise if he pulled it off.

Here’s how to pick this year’s winners like an Oscar guru:

Oscar voters like to use their hearts rather than their brains when they vote. If you want an Oscar, don’t make a comedy or a science-fiction film – and for God’s sake, never make something smart and witty. No westerns either – unless you’re Clint Eastwood. In that case, you can fart your way to an Oscar nomination.

Almost every film that wins the Best Picture Oscar is either one of the following: an emotional whopper, an “important messages” film, an epic, a musical or a biopic. Any combination of the above gets your film bonus points with the Academy.

In fact, if you take a look back at every Best Picture winner, it’s hard not to find a trend. Notice a variation from the aforementioned categories in the last 10 Best Picture Oscar winners: six epics, one musical, two massage films, one biopic … and American Beauty (1999). In the race this year, *The Queen*, *Babel* and Letters from Iwo Jima* all fit the Oscar bait role. The best two films of the group are outside the norm: however, *The Departed* is the crime film whereas Little Miss Sunshine is the feel-good film. However, this year, both of these films seem to have the upper hand. Let’s see what happens.

If you’re up for Best Actor at the Oscars, odds are good if your leading man is mentally or physically challenged, a real life person, a villain or a larger-than-life character. Bids are doubled if any of them die tragically. In the Best Actor group, we have triple-threat Forest Whitaker playing a villain, a real-life figure in larger-than-life role in The Last King of Scotland. Maybe voters will vote for him three times. His competitors aren’t far behind with Ryan Gosling playing a drug addict, Peter O’Toole playing a dying man, Leonardo DiCaprio playing an anti-hero and Will Smith playing a real person.

In the last 15 years alone, physically/mentally handicapped or sick characters have won seven times. Out of the other eight, four have been villains, two have been tragic, larger-than-life characters and the other two have been Holocaust victims (always a plus with the Academy!).

On the other hand, if you’re female and want to win a Best Actress Oscar, going ugly is the best way to go. Either that, or course, go with a historical figure. Take a look at Hilary Swank, Charlize Theron, Halle Berry and Julia Roberts. They all went ugly route and/or played biographical roles. This year’s nominees brings back the same formula with Helen Mirren as the Queen of England, Meryl Streep as a villain and Judi Dench as just ugly.

For the supporting actor/actress categories, it also helps if you scream, cry or play the long-suffering wife. Being a cute kid helps, too.

Out of the 20 acting nominees this year, 19 can be classified under the Oscar norm of typically nominated roles. So despite the nominees being the most diverse in years, the same roles tend to be rewarded again and again.

And finally, back to Scorsese. After struggling all these years to please his detractors and critics with films that scream Oscar bait, *The Aviator*, he decided that enough is enough and returned to the stuff that made him a legend – the crime drama. Perhaps it’s his return to his roots that will grant him the notorious statue after all these years.
THURSDAY • FEBRUARY 15
WHAT: Black Student Union Party
WHERE: Gracie’s Grill
WHEN: 10 p.m
HOW MUCH: Free

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 16
WHAT: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall
WHEN: 7 p.m
HOW MUCH: $10

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 17
WHAT: Van Wilder Tour featuring Everclear, Johnny Lives!
WHERE: The Culture Room (3045 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale)
WHEN: 8 p.m
HOW MUCH: $20 at door

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 18
WHAT: Tommy Davidson
WHERE: The Miami Improv (3390 Mary Street, Suite 182)
WHEN: 8:30 p.m
HOW MUCH: $23.54

– Compiled by Reuben Pereira

**TRIVIA TRIBUTE**

**ONLY A GAME?** Students partake in the Student Programming Council’s Black History Month Brain Buster Game Show in the Graham Center Forum on Feb. 13. The show is part of SPC’s Pan-African Heritage 2007 celebration, which has been protested by various organizations (left).
Defense hampers homestand

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Ramos and the Tigers’ John Thies pitched effectively using different methods.

Ramos, who pitched the best game of his collegiate career, was at his best when working quickly.

When pitching continuously, he was throwing more first pitch strikes and putting away hitters easily.

The Tigers often called time to disrupt his rhythm — including a one-minute delay because one of the bullpen doors opened — and made his control a big problem as two of his five walks led to runs.

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Gibson received his first save of the season smoothly — except for one pitch that nearly tied the game.

Pinch hitter Ryan Mollica stepped up to the plate with one out left.

Gibson’s third inning of work caused his pitches to lose movement and Mollica crushed a pitch towards right field.

The crowd cheered emphatically, but the ball died at the warning track.

The American flag indicated the wind was blowing towards left-center field.

Gibson’s pitch caused the Tigers’ to lose control in the score.

The series exploited a young bullpen and unreliable defense infield.

The starting pitchers proved they could be successful if limited errors occur behind them.

Price felt his team performed well against Missouri, who participated in the College World Series last year.

“It’s disappointing, but we found out a few things about our team,” Price said.

“Our bull-pen grew up a little bit today. They finally got rid of the jitters. Our offense is struggling, but we just need to continue to execute the little things.”

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ROUGH START

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Sloppy defense and horrendous relief pitching ruined FIU’s (1-4) first home series of the season as they dropped three straight losses to the University of Columbia (3-0).

The three game series which took place Feb. 9 - 11 at University Park Stadium didn’t feel like home for Golden Panthers pitchers as they gave up 30 runs over the series.

The Golden Panthers’ offensive woes left 11 men on base.

The lack of timely hitting with men on base against UCF foregrounded the offensive problems FIU would face in their home opening 3-game series against the Missouri Tigers.

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The first six innings of the Golden Panthers’ home opener was a close battle, which included second solid start from freshman starter Corey Polizzano (1-1).


Although Horstmann recorded two outs, he allowed two hits, three earned runs and two walks, which led to two runs.

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Small ball by the Tigers, coupled with Golden Panthers wild pitches and errors, spawned the huge scoring inning. The Tigers managed to score the seven runs by hitting four singles in the seventh.

The Golden Panthers pitching staff was missing the strike zone frequently throughout the whole game.

The bullpen’s lack of control was one of the main contributors to the game-tying inning as it distributed seven walks and four wild pitches. Poor defense didn’t help matters either.

FIU committed three errors and allowed six unearned runs, which was the difference in the score. In addition, the pitchers became fatigued and were forced to throw more pitches because errors extended the second, seventh and ninth inning. Consequently, the Tigers scored all their runs in those three respective innings.

The momentum shifted in favor of the Tigers following the bow-out seventh inning, but the Golden Panthers late run arrival was too late.

Centerfielder Chris Dunn’s one out single preceded a Bryan Pullin home run, the first home run for the Golden Panthers this season. The Tigers’ lead was chipped, but they would respond with two more runs in the top of the ninth to make the Golden Panthers’ ninthinning rally less exciting.

Offensively, the Golden Panthers wasted several opportunities to extend their early lead; the most glaring was in the second inning when the Golden Panthers loaded the bases with no outs and only one run.

The Tigers’ seven runs in the seventh inning exposed the Golden Panthers’ bullpen and sloppy defense. Eric Horstmann was the first relief pitcher to replace Polizzano, but he would only be the first of three relief pitchers to suffer the Tigers’ offensive barrage.

“Almost every team I’ve either played on or coached in has a younger player than me,” Chestnutt said. “I’m not going to be satisfied … we have to get better constantly,” Chestnutt said.

For the past 22 seasons, Everton Edwards has been at the helm of the women’s soccer program.

After posting a 5-12-0 record last season, newly hired athletic director Pete Garcia fired Edwards, electing to steer the program in a new direction. Since 2003, women’s soccer has posted a 18-43-7 record.

In 1985, it was Edwards who started the program, posting a winning record in its inaugural year and doing so 11 more times during his time as head coach.

Edwards compiled a 165-179-33 overall record while behind the bench for the Golden Panthers.

Florida native Thomas Chestnutt named new women’s soccer coach

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The women’s soccer team will be marching to the beat of a new drum as former Fresno State women’s assistant coach Thomas Chestnutt Jr. was named new head coach Feb. 10.

The Florida native said he is excited to be coaching back in his home state.

While at Fresno State, he helped lead the Bulldogs out of the middle of the pack in the Western Athletic Conference to an NCAA tournament berth, the school’s second, and its first WAC championship in 2005.

“He hopes the same will be expected at FIU within the next few years,” Chestnutt said.

“Almost every team I’ve either played for or coached has been a winning program. I understand what it takes to win,” Chestnutt said.

Prior to his tenure at Fresno State, Chestnutt was no stranger to success, having helped the women’s soccer team at the University of Florida to a 2001 Final Four appearance and a 2003 NCAA quarterfinal during his stay from 2001-04 as an intern for the team.

“Winning is an expectation [at UF],” Chestnutt said.

The Golden Panthers looked good early on, in large part due to Dunn’s three hits, including two doubles that accounted for three of the Golden Panthers’ six runs.

Junior pitcher Chris Allen gave up two earned runs in the fifth inning, giving up three singles and a hit-by-pitch.

Senior pitcher Chris Siebenaler relieved Allen after he had loaded the bases.

Siebenaler ran into trouble again in the sixth inning when he loaded the bases off of two bunt singles and a hit-by-pitch.

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