I know Daylight Saving’s time took place recently, but did anyone tell the Student Government Association this was an excuse to shorten this year’s campaign schedule?

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However, this year I’ve noticed an almost complete lack of campaigning.

Sure, there have been a few hope-fuils standing around tables in the Graham and Wolfe University centers. Though this approach might work if these were the first few days of a lengthy campaign drive, lets consider the following:

A) The candidates for both campuses were officially announced April 4 (Wednesday night, to be exact).
B) The elections are April 10 and 11 (this Tuesday and Wednesday).
C) There are almost no students on campus Friday through Sunday.

Although the students technically have seven days to campaign, I’m not counting Wednesday because the UP candidates were announced so late, as well as the days reserved for voting.

Based on this, it seems to me that our future SGA representatives have only two full days (Thursday and Friday) to share their vision and goals with an FIU student who would vote Tuesday morning.

For an organization that complains it cannot get enough student participation during elections, I am dumbfounded by this year’s schedule.

The following are the answers candidates received to questions.

Q: What are some of the goals that set you apart from other candidates running for the same position?

Hernandez: Running uncontested, all our goals are individual to me and [Arthur “AJ”] Meyer but many of them include: meal equivalence plans for students who have meal plans, adding study space throughout campus for students, increasing the amount of laptops available to students in the library, working on an online-based academic advising system, among other things.

Meyer: Being in Student Government for the past three years as SGA Intern President, Lower Division Representative and Representative At-Large (Speaker Pro-Tempo), I have accumulated a massive amount of knowledge about the inner workings of this great organization. Also, being an active student lobbyist for the University has given me the experience of dealing with local, state and federal legislators.

Dial: I find it important that tuition not be raised to pay for the athletic program. I believe that there are a lot of unforeseen corporate sponsorships that can be used to support the football program without costing students (more money). I want to reduce housing costs so that they are comparable to the cost of housing off-campus.

Jean: I intend to establish an items exchange website where FIU students can list items such as textbooks, furniture, electronics, lost and found listings and roommate postings. I also plan to work with Campus Safety to launch a safety and theft awareness campaign.

Conception: [The projects I wish to embark on are as follows:]

SGA readies for elections, changes

Campus schedule hurts ‘07 elections

An uncontested presidential race, an anticipated polling site that never came to fruition and major constitutional changes are some of the larger issues in this year’s Student Government elections.

University Park’s Student Government presidential candidate Marbely Hernandez is running unopposed with Arthur “AJ” Meyer as her running mate. This is the second consecutive year that a single student ran for president of the Student Government Council at UP. Last year, current President Alfonso “Allee” Leon also ran unopposed.

“This was unexpected,” Hernandez said. “We just need to get more people involved in SGA.”

Candidates must receive a plurality of votes to be elected, but “technically, an uncontested candidate only needs to receive one vote to be elected,” said Charlie Andrews, director of Campus Life.

According to Article IV of the SGA constitution – which governs the councils at both campuses – any SGC president must hold an elected SGA position “for at least two academic semesters, or 154 days, prior to the first day of official campaigning.”

Rosa Jones, vice president of Student Affairs, does not see a direct correlation between the policy as stated in Article IV and the lack of presidential candidates for UP this year.

“Historically, we have had many indi-

viduals who have been interested in running,” Jones said.

The SGA constitution also specifies candidates are screened for GPA minimum requirements and “may not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions.” They must also maintain a minimum amount of credits, and attend at least 50 percent of classes at the campus he or she will represent.

Traditionally, election events begin with a candidate’s debate.

“The debate was changed to Monday so we [students] know it’s coming up from kick-off events,” said Judene Tulloch, SGC-UP elections commissioner.

All candidates were officially announced at the “Know Your Vote” barbecue event held in Everglades Hall April 4, at 6 p.m. The election will take place April 10 and 11 (Tuesday and Wednesday).

Sexual assault awareness part of annual event

NICOLE ACOSTA
BBC Assistant

Donald Bermudez, a junior at Miami-Dade College, admitted to not knowing much about the issue of women and sexual assault before having attended the Take Back the Night event on April 5. Bermudez heard about the event through Helen Muniz, an FIU senior and his girlfriend. By the end of the night, Bermudez said he was glad he had attended. “It’s a pretty big issue with a world-wide basis for women and men because they are affected, too,” he said.

Take Back the Night at FIU consists of an annual march and rally. At the event, students can stop at different tables stationed around the campus. Each table addresses a different topic, but the theme for the tables is always the same: Promoting awareness to both men and women about what sexual assault and domestic violence actually means, when and where and how often it occurs, and how to put an end to it.

Funded by the Student Government Association, this year, the University Park campus’ version of the event occurred from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and was moved to the inside of the Graham Center because of last-minute, rainy weather, but the event still drew in about 50 people.

The event was put together by a planning committee that represented various departments and student organizations at FIU.

Senior Gloria Bauta was part of the committee, representing Stonewall Pride Alliance, a club that caters to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer and questioning community and its allies. As a survivor of date rape, Bauta stressed that men would benefit the most from the event.

“If women survivors are invisible, the way that we treat male survivors is insulting because people don’t believe [sexual assault] happens to men,” Bauta said. “The most important message of this event is that ‘yes means yes and everything else means no’..."

Onorato began the night by giving a brief history about the event. She went on to cite statistics regarding sexual assault.

Frankie Cedeno, a peer educator from the Victim Advocacy Program, performed an interior dialogue with fellow peer educator, Noelle Service, comparing “a bad date” to a “healthy date.” Cedeno became involved with the event because he had been educated about sexual assault and domestic violence by his father.

“My dad raised me to respect women through example, but many men don’t have that experience and I am here to educate these guys,” Cedeno said.

The crowd was then sectioned off into small groups led by a committee member in order to march and visit the stations. One table put together by the Women’s Studies Student Association and the Step Up student organization designed to cater to disabled students with special needs, allowed people to dip their hands in paint and create a handprint on a banner in order to show commitment to helping stop sexual assault and domestic violence.

“Men are taught that by pushing a woman even when she’s saying no or asking to stop in any type of intimate relationship, and it sucks.” Onorato said. “Together, we can all make a change.”

Peg Thatcher, the president of the Project to End Rape became involved with the issue five years ago when her daughter was raped. She told the crowd to change their paradigm shifts and believe there can be an end to rape in the world. She also told the crowd they could begin to be “agents of change” by filling out a declaration card and pledge to no longer “tolerate the persistence of rape on earth.”

“It’s time to end [rape]. This issue is 30,000 years old, and it does not need to be 31,000 years old,” Thatcher said. The cards collected that night were later passed onto a black poster demonstrating the end of rape.

Onorato said she believes one of the solutions to the issue of sexual assault is to educate men in terms of realizing that when a woman says no, she does not always mean she is saying no but really means yes.

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I want to accomplish include researching payment plans for International Students, increasing attendance at games through the Adopt a Football Program, improving safety in the parking garages and increasing wireless accessibility through campus.

LaPointe: I intend to provide easier access to professor syllabi when registering for classes and to improve and enhance current access to professor syllabi when registering.

Q: What aspect of the University do you feel deserves most funding from SGA and why?

Hernandez: I believe that the best aspect for most funding is organizations where students get the most out of their funds. If you feel deserves most funding from SGA, I believe SGA needs to be fully funded. However, this unfortunately is very difficult to achieve due to the lack of money we receive from the state, as well as our affordable tuition.

DiaL: Funding needs to be put into student involvement on campus, especially the [Student Organizations Council].

Meyer: I believe that every aspect of the University needs to be fully funded. However, this unfortunately is very difficult to achieve due to the lack of money we receive from the state, as well as our affordable tuition.

Q: How will next year’s SGA be different than this year’s?

Hernandez: This coming administration is seeking to get as many students involved in SGA as much as possible. I believe students take more precedence over others. We, SGA, must address the issue that affect the student body the most and several concerns have been the shuttle service between both campuses and the dining and room hours for the convenience of the students.

DiaL: If elected, I want this year’s SGA to be more involved with the decisions that affect students. Involving them in a University decision or a state decision. I think that SGA needs to be more involved with the decisions that affect all students, rather than minor details that affect few.

Rosem: Next year’s SGA will be different than this year’s in that it will communicate with students, rather than be more involved with the decisions that affect all students, rather than minor details that affect few.

I think we can invest more money to keep students informed and active in the activities of SGA. Communication is key and students need to know more about the candidates so that we can have higher retention within the council. I think the biggest problem within SGA is that a lot of potential candidates don’t know that SGA is open and there’s no one to finish their work. I want the students to elect responsible candidates so that next year’s council follows through on all their promises.

LaPointe: Next year, we will be a council of unity and drive, dedicated to the students of FIU to help enhance the already distinguished university.

Online SGA voting may be a future possibility

“Very exciting,” said Tulloch. “We may start it next year with all campus-wide elections like Homecoming and General Elections. [Campus Life] wanted to do more testing and have solid ground to go on. There is no way to mimic a general election.”

Tulloch also mentioned that SGC-UP members advocated the new technique, but that SGC at the Biscayne Bay Campus was hesitant since they believed the results could not be controlled. Because both campuses need to have a uniform voting system, the online method was not tested.

SGC-UP also plans on offering the chance to register for a free round-trip American Airlines ticket to anywhere in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

“[Students] want to increase voter turnout, and one way we did this was to offer a voter incentive,” Tulloch said. “She would like 3,000 students to vote.

Last year, Leon received 1,539 votes, which represented a 50 percent decrease in voter turnout. One way we want to do this is to offer a voter incentive,” Tulloch said.

Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at various polling sites throughout both campuses. This time span allows candidates a week to campaign.

Last year, candidates were announced Monday, March 27, at noon with elections held April 4 and 5 (also a Tuesday and a Wednesday). This gave candidates an additional 2 ½ days to prepare.

According to Jose Toscano, SGC-UP advisor, this year’s schedule was too short to be as successful as it could be.

Toscano believes that a longer campaign would have increased awareness for the candidates among students.

“I don’t mean I want to see flyers all over the campus or half the student body wearing T-shirts. What happens to those students that don’t vote? [The University Center]? Are they affected by SGA? At some point they are, so we need to extend our outreach,” he said.

In an effort to increase participation, the council attempted to make a polling site at the Engineering Center. This would have been the first year students could vote at ECC.

“We have the technological resource to run a polling site at ECC, but lack of faculty to man the site. This is the same problem we’ve had for the past two years,” Tulloch said.

SGA had also mentioned the possibility of online voting that year, but the current SGA was unable to implement this year’s elections.

Andrade: Next year’s SGA will enhance the level of communication between both campuses and increase the visibility among both the students.

Al-Abdullah: I am very excited because of the competitive nature of all the candidates running.
Spike Lee explores Katrina disaster through documentary

SPIKE UNCOVERED: Spike Lee addresses an audience of students, staff and faculty at his lecture “An Evening with Spike Lee America Through My Lens” last Wednesday. He discussed his documentary and life experiences.

“When Katrina hit, I was in Venice, Italy, glued to the TV switching between CNN and MSNBC,” Lee said.

“When you’re overseas, you see things that the American government doesn’t want you to see, because the foreign press shows everything, and after five days I decided to do a film about this thing.”

According to Lee, the most important thing about the documentary was to give a voice to the neglected people he saw suffering through the hurricane.

The famed director later addressed students in the crowd to choose a career based on what they love, not on what will make them the most money, or make their parents happy.

“Some students succumb to parental pressure and choose something [their parents] want them to do, and in turn the students become miserable,” Lee said.

“Parents kill more dreams than anybody else… so don’t let anyone stand in the way of your dreams… I say my prayers every night because I get to do what I love.”

Lee explained that he was a college student until he figured out what he wanted to do.

“I wasn’t applying myself the first two years of college, and then I decided that film school was the route for me,” Lee said.

Lee then completed his film degree, where he is now a professor.

Lee joked that his father would get on his case when he told him he wanted to be a film-maker, because Lee’s father didn’t want “a bum for a son.”

“Me and your mother did nothing for three jobs so your skinny black a–can go wait tables, my father would say,” Lee said.

The lecture lasted almost an hour and a half, to a positive response by students in the audience.

One such student was Atheena Jai, a junior majoring in public relations as well as an aspiring actress who said she was moved.

“It was very motivating, and I like that he is giving back by teaching at NYU,” said Jai.

Leon Elly, a senior majoring in sociology was proud to have attended.

“He made me proud to be a black man, to be graduating college, and never had a brush with the law at age 26,” Elly said.

“He motivated one to follow his/her dreams, and kick all family members and non-progressive elements to the side in order to achieve one’s goals.”

SGC candidates discuss plans

According to Andrade, she has run for city commissioner in her hometown and has established a working relationship with current vice president Brent Maximin.

Along with Maximin’s help, Andrade will initiate plans to improve food service and operating hours, communication with University Park and FIU Broward Center.

She also hopes to improve exterior relations and hopefully, her working relationship with current vice president Brent Maximin.

Adjournment: 4:43 p.m.

SGC candidates run for positions

Douglas Forte

Communication and student involvement is the common message from the Biscayne Bay Student Government Council candidates for resident and vice president positions.

Their voices were heard at an open forum held April 5.

“We have to outreach to students for involvement,” said Gabriel Labrador, presidential candidate and current representative-at-large for SGC-BBC.

The candidates stress that BBC tends to be more of a commuter campus than University Park.

But, this should not deter students from speaking out and getting involved with student activities and organizations to bring about positive changes.

“Most students show apathy towards the school and I know because I was apathetic,” said an emotional Cassandra Andrade.

Though not a current member of either council, she is running unopposed for the vice president position.

Andrade was also the first to present her platform. She assured students that she embodies what a true leader and student representative is.

“I have a natural desire to serve. People saw something in me and I care,” Andrade said.

SGC-BBC Notes

April 4, 2007

Call to Order: 3:37 p.m.
Adjournment: 4:43 p.m.

Absent from the meeting: Camilo Silva, President Brent Maximin, Vice President

Call To Order (Zachary Trautenberg)

Since Trautenberg is officiating this week’s meeting, his Comptroller’s Report will be left for next week’s meeting.

New Business
• Appropriation (eye-nay-abstain)
  $2600 to SPC for Spring Fling Concert. Total costs for concert is approximately $45,000, but SPC needs more funding. Money generated from the event goes to pay for departments such as Public Safety. Concert usually generates enough money to break even. SPC is expecting approximately 2,500-3,000 people. Approved, 7-0-0.

Unfinished Business
• Student Government Council-BBC By-laws: Changes. Biggest change is the definition of tasks of certain cabinet positions. Added High Achievers Award to be held in posterity. Change awards: students taking a minimum of nine credit hours, instead of 12 to be eligible. Addition of the Dr. Saul Moncuer Award of Excellence.

Advisor’s Report (Craig Cunningham)

Spring Fling Concert: SPC was already given $45,000 for this event. One year they were given approximately $50,000 and about 100 people showed up. Cunningham: “My advice to you as a council is to go to Spring Fling and observe the results for yourself.”

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OPINION

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Violence and corruption still a problem in South Florida

JOSE MARTINEZ Staff Writer

With the massive influx of individuals from every corner of the world into the confines of Miami-Dade County, there has been an accumulation of wealth and affluence within in a relatively small geographical area.

Along with this overwhelming immigration of wealthy outsiders, there has been a rampant encroachment that has threatened to shatter this equilibrium - this divisive force is none other than the crime that has threatened to spring forth.

This is evident in the prevalence of robberies within Miami-Dade County, which boast 63,011 robberies, burglaries and motor vehicle thefts, combined this year.

While this rate of crime is remarkably low compared to the crime rate in the 1980’s, it is still well above the national average. In fact, the total crime index for the city of Miami was well over twice the national average.

This stark reality is something that must be addressed with the utmost of haste. An overwhelming majority of the 89 murders, which took place in the city of Miami alone, can be attributed to gang activity.

There needs to be a more concerted effort on behalf of law authorities to apprehend and identify inner-city gang members. City of Miami Police identified 617 gang members in 2006, and apprehended a mere 113.

This is inexcusable. These gangs operate primarily to engage in criminal activities. If stringent surveillance were placed on these thugs, many crimes could have been prevented. It is apparent that some sort of outreach and assistance must be given to the inner-city poor to prevent future generations of criminals from springing forth.

Apart from encroaching on the gang element, there needs to be reform in every level of law enforcement. Stricter screening procedures need to be implemented to select capable officers.

A profound problem that has plagued both the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County police departments are rampant instances of police corruption and abuse of power.

A prominent example of this is the 2003 case of eleven City of Miami police officers accused of planting guns at crime scenes, shooting unarmed civilians and giving false statements.

This is striking evidence that a change in administrative procedures is warranted. This corruption prevents a great deal of progress from being made on the crusade against drug trade.

There is little doubt that a greater police presence in the city and elsewhere is necessary. This needs to be coupled with reform on the administrative level, not only to maximize the efficiency of our local law enforcement, but also to make Miami a safer place to live in.
Day of Silence to promote tolerance, gay rights

BEN F. BADGER, JR.
Staff Writer

The grounds of FIU’s University Park will be in silence on April 10, which marks the Day of Silence, an annual event meant to bring awareness to anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender behavior such as bullying, harassment and discrimination in schools nationwide. This year, Stonewall Pride Alliance, Multicultural Programs and Services, Residents Hall Association and the Women’s Center came together to plan the event.

Student Joseph Quinones knows what it was like to be bullied in middle school and high school simply for being homosexual.

“It doesn’t happen as much now that I’m in college,” Quinones said. “[But] I can feel for other students around the country.”

During the Day of Silence, individuals pledge not to speak in protest of the silence many LGBT people are forced into. According to Gloria Bauta, the president of Stonewall Pride Alliance, Multicultural Programs and Services, Residents Hall Association and the Women’s Center came together to plan the event.

“Day of Silence is tantamount to black history and women’s history month.”

— Gloria Bauta

Volunteers will roam throughout FIU, essentially going through a normal day. Bauta urges volunteers to spend their free time in the Graham Center.

“Being quiet in the [GC] pit will make a statement,” Bauta said.

For students who wish to participate and have not yet signed up, will have one last Day of Silence, page 7
Crammed venue detracts from live performance

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and fishnet stockings, a bizarre hat complete with faux feathers and a massive gown. One of the night’s highlights was a giant lobster claw, a nod to their current music video, where the same prop is used.

The opening act, Swedish indie band Loney, Dear was probably the biggest surprise of the night— their low key style, and the lead singer’s unique vocalization were a great lead-in to Of Montreal. Or they would have been if there wasn’t an almost hour-long gap between sets. The gap probably had to do with the disappearance of the other opening act, rapper Pigeon John, who was nowhere to be seen.

In the end, the night was enjoyable, despite Studio A trying its hardest to make it otherwise. Their overselling of tickets turned what could have been a perfect evening into simply a great one.

But if you get a chance to see Of Montreal for yourself, take it— just make sure the venue is big enough for you to scratch your nose.

Senility seemingly best option

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The common misconception is that growing old means growing up. I plan on going straight from my quarter-life crisis into senility. Aside from deep breathing and acupuncture, there’s nothing you can really do except wait for the next crisis to come. Therefore, I think a constant state of senility will keep me grounded— even if it’s in 18 pounds of rhubarb preserves. Hey, the cats need to eat too. Good Luck.

Silence movement to culminate with parade in Graham Center Pit

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last chance to do so April 10 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the MPAS conference room. The Day of Silence officially begins at noon. During the two short seminars, volunteers will be given strategies for remaining silent while still getting their message across. On display throughout the day will be a public journal. In the journal, volunteers and spectators will be able to write down their thoughts and feelings. This journal will from therein be on display at every FIU Day of Silence until it is filled.

“I think [April 10] is our biggest event of the year followed by the Coming Out Day,” Bauta said. “The Day of Silence is crucial.”

According to Bauta, there would be a larger event planned for the national Coming Out Day, but because it takes place in June, the campus would be virtually empty. The Day of Silence will culminate with a 6 p.m. parade from the GC pit to the housing quad. Afterwards, there will be the breaking the silence ceremony. At that point, volunteers who pledged to remain silent will be able to speak out about their experience.

Students with questions or concerns about LGBT issues can speak to A.J. Costa, the director of the LGBTQA MPAS office, privately or via e-mail at lgbt@fiu.edu or Bauta at FIU.DOS@gmail.com.

For more information on the National Day of Silence, see www.dayofsilence.org.
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REVIEWS

THEATER
Silence

ANGIE ESPOSITO
Staff Writer

FIU Theater has taken an interesting – some religious zealot might call it blasphemous – route during this Easter weekend. The play Silence by Moira Buffini, this production directed by Tracey Moore, deals with many controversial issues both political and personal.

Taboo topics are touched upon, all with Catholic jargon and beliefs constantly being intertwined.

On the cusp of what seems to be the first millennium, the story takes place, introducing us to the discrimination of pagans and the need for reconciling with God in order to be saved from the fiery pit of hell.

The constant religious conversation offers an outside view of Catholicism while poking fun at things such as celibacy and their view of the male genitalia and how it works.

The characters include: Roger, a priest who deals with his own internal battle with religion; Silence, Lord of Cumbria and a pagan; Ymma, the daughter of a saint who is forced to marry Silence; King Ethelred, who arranges Silence and Ymma’s marriage; Eadric, knight to King Ethelred, and Agnes, handmaid to Ymma.

The conflict begins on Silence and Ymma’s wedding night, aptly justifying the play’s mature audience disclaimer.

As for the performance, I was wowed. The advertisements for the show do it no justice. Walking in, I was expecting a completely dark, heavy and possibly disturbing piece – the kind that leaves you dumbfounded and unsure of how to react.

Granted, it was dark and disturbing, but there was also humor amid it, which allows the audience a breather when feeling suffocated by its negativity.

This is partly done by the actors’ timing, with sight gags and puns underlining the intense situation. They were on the mark – even on jokes that went over a majority of the audience’s head.

The set and costumes were accurate for the piece and added to the performance nicely.

What I’m waiting to see is how they’ll transform the dark-try setting it into something more for the modern day performance of Proof – the other play which is working together with Silence to act as rotating repertoire.

The highlight of the show had to be B. Leal’s portrayal of Silence.

While everyone else in the cast did a fine job, Leal generally had me convinced at all times of the authenticity of the character Silence.

And while I don’t want to give away anything for those of you who are interested in seeing it, Leal’s characterization – for such a small space – was just right.

The tale of Silence alone is incentive to see this play regardless of the plot twists and revelations may shock you.

Silence and Proof will be playing alternating until April 15.

For show times and ticket information contact the box office at: (305) 348-3789. Check out Thursday’s issue for the corresponding play, Proof, review.
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**DISAPPOINTED:** Manager Danny Price (above) reacts to the game winning single that cost FIU the game.

**Bullpen falters in extra innings contest**

**Oliveira Overcomes handicaps to help mother fight with cancer**

** Applications for the tournament can be found online on the Athletic Department’s website. Come for a day, fun, play, for a cause,” Tomic said.

As for how Keila’s mom feels about all of this, Oliveira said that she’s very excited about it.

“I wish I could bring her here so everyone could meet her.”

Oliveira is hoping that come graduation, Lidia will be calling to celebrate her daughter’s degree in physical therapy as well as her own triumph over cancer.

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**SPORTS**

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The heroes of the game. Bautista had handled four different pitchers and hit the go ahead home run. Ellison had pitched critical innings and that would’ve given him the win.

However, Hurricane freshman third baseman Mark Sobolewski had other plans and sent an Ellison fastball over center field to tie the game again.

Ellison finished with six strikeouts through two and two-thirds innings.

Price said he brought the freshman back out despite the pitch count because Ellison has been a starter in the past.

“The most important thing is the pitch count. And he’s a freshman and he comes back strong usually.”

The Hurricanes ended the seesaw battle when shortstop Ryan Jackson singled to center field against reliever Walker Whitely, driving in the game-winning run.

The two clubs will meet again on April 11 at University Park Stadium.

“I promise you one thing: if our pitching holds up then we’ll do fine,” Bautista said.

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Tomic said, “Being a setter, everything runs through Keila. She is a natural leader. The whole team looks up to what she does and how she leads. She’s very proud of her.”

Although there was some trouble planning the tournament at first, Tomic has made the tournament a reality for the first time in the classroom and the gym, “It was a miracle. Everything has been a miracle.” Oliveira said, after her coach surprised her with the fund-raiser tournament.

Tomic felt this was the least she could do for Oliveira.

“Our players usually do stuff for the community, so why not do something for her?”

As a coach, Tomic said that she finds it hard to see her daughter’s degree in physical therapy as well as her own triumph over cancer.

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Athletics department enthusiastic over new changes

NAIHORE GONZALEZ
Staff Writer

New athletic director Pete Garcia means business.

On Jan. 16, his first day on the job, he announced that 16 football players would be indefinitely suspended and two would be dismissed from the team following the FIU University of Miami brawl — a harsher punishment than what the Sun Belt Conference had recommended.

“We have a vision that starts with [President Modesto A. Maidique],” Garcia said.

“He wants to get better, not necessarily bigger anymore. It’s now a matter of quality, and it’s going to take hard work, energy, and the right people — people who share that vision.”

Getting the right people on board has meant the departure of some familiar faces in athletics, both student-athletes and coaches.

On Nov. 15, founding head football coach Don Strock announced his resignation. Former University of Miami assistant coach Mario Cristobal replaced Strock in December.

On Feb. 10, just three months later, Garcia announced that Thomas Chestnutt Jr., a former assistant coach at Fresno State University, would replace Everett Edwards, who had acted as head women’s soccer coach for 22 seasons.

When asked about his decision to fire Edwards, Garcia replied:

“The level of expectations and the bar are being raised. It’s my job as athletic director to evaluate the people we have here. We want to win and we want to win the right way,” he said. “No shortcuts.”

Edwards amassed a 165-179-33 record while serving as head coach of the women’s soccer program. Since 2003, the women’s soccer team compiled an 18-43-7 record.

Sergio Rouco, who has been head coach of the men’s basketball team for three seasons, recognized that Garcia has a different style of leadership. “I welcome [Garcia’s] aggressiveness...He’s taking us to another level.”

When asked if Garcia’s firm approach worried him, Rouco said he preferred to focus on his and his team’s performance.

“I can only control what I can control,” he said. “Winning a lot ofball games and making sure my kids represent this institution with a lot of class and with good academics.”

So far, things look good for Garcia. On Jan. 25, the Florida Board of Governors approved the $55 million project will lead to the construction of a state-of-the-art 18,000 seat stadium and 100,000 square-foot Student Support Complex at University Park. It is scheduled to open for the 2008 football season but already has head football coach Mario Cristobal and Garcia thinking about the advantage it will create in recruiting. “South Florida is the ultimate talent pool when it comes to football, and the new stadium is going to help us wake that sleeping giant in our own backyard,” Cristobal said.

Garcia sees it the same way. “Stadiums are landmarks at universities and are among the first things new or prospective students see,” he said in a press release. “At this level of recruitment, first impressions count.”

Garcia is also getting a helping hand from students. He said that on Feb. 11, the University Fee Committee approved a $1.39 per credit hour increase in the student athletic fee, which will “support the athletic department and the new football stadium.”

Freshman Maria Mur supports the fee increase, but is wary of where the new funds will go and how the rest of the student body will receive it. “I really hope [the fee] goes not only to football, which is always the big focus, but to other sports that don’t get a lot of money,” she said. “I think other people will mind, though, because every time they hear about money they get scared and what’s football to them?”

But Garcia assured that there is a bigger picture for the future of FIU athletics.

“We want to brand the university, create affinity, and give students, alumni, and faculty something they can rally around,” said Garcia.

“We want to be the glue that holds everyone together.”

And in order to make the glue stick, he said he wants FIU to win, and not just in football. “[In five years], we’re going to be Top 25 in a number of sports,” Garcia said “We’re going to have winning teams.”

His enthusiasm has also been felt on the field and in the training rooms. Though Rouco has had difficult seasons behind him and Cristobal inherited a team that went 0-12 last season, they are both optimistic of what the future will bring for their teams.

“I haven’t been as excited in my 20 years of coaching as I am this year,” said Rouco.

“We think this might be the biggest year in my tenure here.”

Or as Cristobal put it: “We have a monster in the making.”

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Hurricanes walk away with baseball victory

SERGIO BONILLA
Asst. Sports Editor

There was no fight or bench-clearing brawl and there definitely were no helmets or crutches used as weapons April 4 at Mark Light Field.

However, there was an extra-inning thriller, which included hit batsmen, blown leads and a 10-9 extra innings loss for the baseball team (16-16) to the University of Miami (18-13).

“I told [the pitchers] you just need to go after them,” coach Danny Price said.

“They’re a good club, but I told them it’s our stuff versus their stuff.”

The Hurricanes made it a priority to tap into the Golden Panthers’ bullpen, which has suffered from inconsistency and instability all season.

Starting pitcher Ryan Bernal (3-0) was pulled after allowing three runs in a mere two innings.

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