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**British architect presents lecture at Green Library**

On March 14, David Adjaye, one of Great Britain’s leading architects, will present “Public Engagement and Private Retreat,” presented by the Steven and Dorothy Green Critics’ lecture series. Adjaye designed, among other buildings, the interior of the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo, Norway as well as the Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver, Colo. The event will take place at 8 p.m. in GL 100. Adjaye’s lecture will coincide with the opening of a new exhibit at the Frost Art Museum, which will feature the work of graduating Masters of Fine Arts students. The exhibit will be open from March 12 - April 14 at PC 110. The grand opening is on March 14, from 7 to 10 p.m., and guided tours will be given by the students themselves on March 26, from 7-9 p.m.

**Journalism student nets second place in essay competition**

Mirsad Krijestorac, a 40-year-old journalism student who came to FIU after a career as a prominent rock music promoter in Yugoslavia, took second place from those of other university presidents. The group will also answer questions from the audience. The event will take place on March 13 from 6:15-8:15 p.m. in the small courtroom at the College of Law.

**Women’s “Herstory” month inspires clothes drive**

Throughout the month of March, the Career Services Office, Women’s Center and Center for Leadership and Service will be holding a drive for professional women’s and men’s clothing to donate to the South Florida’s Workforce.

**FIU Students win big at interior design contests**

Interior design student Monica Estrada won Best Interior design of a rehabilitation hospital and Health care category of the competition, for her “Private Retreat,” presented by the Steven and Dorothea Foundation, which seeks to their positions. The group will also answer questions about display policies and 501(c)(3) status. The Honors College will be hosting a lecture by author Brian Weiss, whose works include Many Lives, Many Masters, a book about the way psychiatry and metaphysics blend. The lecture, taking place on March 13 at 2 p.m. at the Marry Ann Wolfe Theater at BBC, will be free and open to the public.

Panel of judges to share experience with audience

A group of judges and judicial candidates will share personal experiences regarding the various paths they took to their positions. The group will also answer questions from the audience. The event will take place on March 13 from 6:15-8:15 p.m. in the small courtroom at the College of Law.

**Tuition battle amidst cuts**

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These photos simulate the new $34 million College of Nursing and Health Sciences building, slated to open at University Park in December 2009. A ground breaking ceremony will be held April 10 with University President Modesto Maidique, CNHS Dean Divina Grossman and community partners in attendance.

The building will include two structures, with teaching facilities located in one structure, and administration in the other. Above ground walkways will connect the two structures. The building will be just a part of FIU’s Academic Health Sciences Complex set to be built on the northeast corner of UP, and which will eventually include the FIU College of Medicine.
Watch the weather:
Web site provides data

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"IU 1 flow," Price said.

The weather station started operations in August 2004. After the equipment was purchased and installed, no additional money has been needed for continuing its operation.

The station only requires to be maintained a couple of times a year when the rain collector needs to be cleaned.

Some of the equipment the station uses are a rain gauge, a wind speed and direction anemometer, and a barometer.

Other instruments include sensors to measure air temperature, relative humidity, ultraviolet radiation, and solar radiation.

The station also has a Web site that allows people to check out the latest changes in weather.

It also electronically transfers all the data collected from the rooftop to PC 329 where the computer updates the information that appears on the station’s Web site every 10 minutes.

Data on the Web site displays the current weather, highest and lowest temperature for the day, a time series plot that shows information for the last 72 hours and a meter that shows wind direction and humidity among other factors.

“We don’t have many stations in the area to collect data,” said Xavier Zapata, research assistant for the station and Earth Sciences graduate student.

According to Price, the station was purchased through a program called GeoSCOPE, which is a summer research program designed for undergraduates to work as interns along faculty from the Earth Sciences department.

The station was funded with a grant from the National Science Foundation Program: Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity in the Geosciences (OEDG).

“Now I can check the weather more often. I am always cold, so I would like to know about the weather outside before leaving my house in the morning,” Mendez said.

Although there is a link to the National Weather Center on the Web site, the weather station at FIU does not work with them.

The link serves to check the weather conditions of the surrounding areas.

For more information visit the weather station’s Web site at: http://www.fiu.edu/~pricer/weather.htm.
Schnebly’s Winery gives visitors a taste

On March 10, Professor Patrick “Chip” Cassidy took 15 advanced wine technology students on a field trip to Schnebly’s Winery in Homestead.

Students had the opportunity to try six fruit-based wines, including Schnebly’s version of carambola, or star fruit.

I really enjoyed this experience because wine is a passion of mine, and the visit gave me the chance to try something new.

Schnebly’s is one of a kind winery because the wine is not derived from its usual fruit - the grape.

Instead, owner Peter Schnebly began making his wines from Florida’s exotic fruits like passion fruit, mango and lychee. “Our goal is to be the best winery you’ve ever visited,” Schnebly said. “There are already 5,500 winery’s making grape wines in the U.S., why would we want to do that?”

Although wine grapes are impossible to grow in South Florida because of the climate, tropical fruits are abundant.

Schnebly farms used to only farm fruits, but today they make wines out of the “spoiled” fruits they are unable to sell to retailers. The Schnebly definition for “spoiled” fruit is a fruit that is at its peak of ripeness.

“Any fruit that has a spot on it, or is perfectly ripe, like a mango that you can tell is juicy and ready to eat can’t go to Fresh King, our produce company. Instead, we use it to make wine,” Schnebly said.

The winery is also exotic in its appearance. It creates a tropical ambiance while giving the vintage feel of west coast wineries by importing antique detailing for the tasting room.

A sales shack in the middle of the main hall has a 100 year old tin roof that was found in Georgia. The Schnebly’s also boast about having the largest tiki-hut in the state of Florida.

“We really wanted a wow-factor for our winery so we spent one million dollars over the average winery budget for construction and decoration,” Schnebly said.

My favorite part of the trip was the idea that Florida can become more than just a South Beach state.

I feel like this is our first step into being more mature agriculturally, like California where produce just tastes better.

Once you pay for a tasting, and receive your Schnebly’s signature glass, subsequent tastings are free for life.

“We have a running joke around here that when you die you can leave your glass to your children and they can have free tastings for life,” Schnebly said. The mango and lychee wines were sweet and reminiscent of rislings and gewurztraminers, which are a couple of my favorite wines.

I was surprised when my favorite wine was in its experimental stage, made out of yellow tomatoes.

Schnebly’s is a great place for students to go if they are on a budget.

Documentary chronicles Colombia’s reinvention

ASHLEY WOJNAR
Contributing Writer

Paola Perez used money from her savings to fund “Pablo is Gone,” a documentary about present-day Colombia’s social landscape after the death of drug czar Pablo Escobar, which she directed.

Perez’s documentary will be played at Biscayne Bay Campus’ Wolfe University Center Theater on March 28 at 1 p.m.

Of Colombian descent herself, Perez wants to portray the Colombia she knows to the world and not the drug smuggling, kidnaping stereotype.

Colombia has undergone vast expansion and the peoples’ influence is present in other career fields beyond the drug world.

“They have completely renovated their image, leaving Colombia’s old past behind,” Perez said. “The documentary tries to help bring forth a new meaning to being a Colombian - real people working for a better future and many other things that enrich our society, allowing us to be more sophisticated and globally aware.”

The film was made to show what people should think about when Colombia comes to mind, and what Perez and her crew intended to portray through the film - Colombia through a new and positive light.

For Perez, it is a sad thing when her country is known by drugs and Escobar.

“Any movie about culture gives students room to grow as people and see for themselves what is really going on in the world,” Perez said. “Colombia has undergone total renovation, leaving behind our recent past - we think nothing of it, so should you.”

A fan of independent films, Perez grew up in Medellin, Colombia. “Pablo is Gone,” which is constructed of interviews and narratives, is her first documentary.

“I know it will become a great success, one that students at FIU and anybody can appreciate,” Perez said.

FIU alumni and public relations liaison Steve Ramirez said the film will include images of Perez’s visits to Colombia.

“Through the documentary she’ll be showing interviews as well as footage from her trips to Colombia from last year and this year as well,” Ramirez said.

“Through that, she will highlight the changes that have taken place within the country presenting a new image in a positive way and not in the stereotypical manner that it was known for - drugs, violence and the corruption that typically the average citizen would know, would always describe what Colombia is.”

Although Perez wants people to see Colombia in a positive way after Escobar, Ramirez said there are people who think life in Colombia was better off when Escobar was around.

“A friend of mine, who is Colombian, believes that the country is worse than it was without him [Escobar] because there weren’t so many other cartel factions trying to have the power that he once had,” Ramirez said.

“Furthermore, he believed that Pablo was more of a business man rather than a drug lord.”

Perez claims to have learned much from her home country and hopes viewers will appreciate it.

“Colombia has taught me to enjoy the simplicity in life, being humble and respecting other human beings,” Perez said. “I strongly hope people will see the Colombia I have grown up in and grown to love.”

The on-campus screening is free to all students and staff.

For non-students, it is $7 at the door. For more information, visit www.pabloisgone.com.

NEWSFLASH

Friends of Wine to present German Tastes

Friends of Wine will host German Wine Tasting on March 24 from 5 to 6 p.m.

The event will be held in the Hospitality Building Dining Room and costs $4 for members and $8 for nonmembers in cash only. People wishing to attend must be 21 or older and have a valid ID.

Spring Fling concert hosted by SPC

The ninth annual Spring Fling concert will be held by Student Programming Council March 28 in the Hospitality Management Patio. Artists, including Mario and Fat Joe, will be providing entertainment from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m the following morning. Tickets for FIU students are free, and general admission is $10 in advance and $15 the day of.

Final Last Late Day Latte

On March 27 Campus Life will present the last Late Day Latte of the semester. The event will be held in AC1 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Stretching the Bill

Multicultural Programming and Services will teach students how to be financially savvy on March 14 in WUC 253 at 1 p.m.

SPC Presents I Am Legend

Student Programming Council hosts a movie night on March 13 in the WUC Theater. “I Am Legend” will begin at 5 p.m.

– Compiled by Ana Perez, Beacon staff.

SCHNEBLY NOT SCHNAPPS: Mango wine, as sweet as it sounds, substitutes well for dessert wine for those with an open mind (left). Peter Schnebly, owner of Schnebly’s Winery, ends his tour of the winery with his open glass policy of free tastings as long as visitors retain their Schnebly tasting glasses. “Our goal is to be the best winery you’ve ever visited,” Schnebly said.

NEWSVALVE/BEACON
Obama has more experience than some past leaders

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Here’s an interesting piece of historical trivia. What do presidents Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson all have in common? All three had equal or fewer years of political experience when they became president than “inexperienced” Sen. Barack Obama has right now. The total of two years of political experience as Governor of New Jersey. And some ruthless political enemies use this to argue that Obama is too inexperienced. If his level of experience would have stood out as inadequate, previous presidents with his level of experience would have stood out as failures. Instead, according a recent issue of Time Magazine (“Does Experience Matter in a President?” on Jan. 10) there appears to be no correlation between political experience and success in the White House.

Moreover, people on both sides of the aisle hold up various “inexperienced” presidents as models to aspire to. Republicans idealize Ronald Reagan. As their party’s nominee attacks Obama, Republicans should remember that Obama has more experience in elected office than Reagan did. Furthermore, Clinton supporters should remember that for someone with less experience than Obama, Roosevelt did a pretty good job dealing with a depression and World War Two.

Clinton is trying to convince voters that she has vast experience as first lady relating to foreign policy. One example she cites is a “dangerous” trip to war-torn Bosnia taken in 1996 for a USO show. Yet her mission was hardly life-threatening. She was accompanied by singer Sheryl Crow and comedian Sinbad (New York Times, March 26, 1996). Sinbad would later recount the harrowing decisions they faced.

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It’s kind of like when my boss asks me why I was late to work. I could say that I had lost track of time because I was working at home, or be honest with myself and tell him why I was late to work. In either case, the American people chose hope over experience. The same can be said of voters who listen to President Clinton.

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Is beauty a mitigating factor though? Even in 1992, distinctions were drawn against a Republican nominee who had been gone with the experienced Herbert Hoover.

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For someone like me, South Florida is pretty much a barren wasteland for live music nine months out of the year. Whether it is because a lack of interest in live music or a lack of quality venues, it seems most of the year doesn’t provide much to get excited about.

Which is why I always love when Langerado rolls around, as it did on March 6-9 at Big Cypress Miccosoukee reservation. It represents the beginning of a few months period where there are actually opportunities to see bands live and, the festival itself represents a pretty great opportunity to see live music.

Alright, I have to admit, I didn’t get to experience Thursday night, due to circumstances mostly beyond my control, though I can say the three-hour wait in line to get into the festival in my car wasn’t exactly a fun time, it did offer me a rare glimpse at the night’s sky, something we don’t get to see every day in South Florida.

After setting up camp and getting situated, I caught about three hours of sleep Friday morning before making my way into the festival grounds. Along the mile and a half walk from my tent to the entrance I was offered everything from “chocolate” to “molly,” though, since I was on the clock – and not at all interested in having to spend some time in the chill out tent – I politely refused.

First up was Brett Dennen whose set was enjoyable if forgettable. His lack of any real stage presence didn’t do much to add to his lifeless songs, which aren’t great.

The next two acts, The Wailers, Bob Marley’s legendary backing band and G. Love and Special Sauce, each brought something different to the table, though both performances had the energy you need to get through a hot day in the swamp.

The Wailers spent most of the time recreating Marley’s classic songs while G. Love hyped up the Roots and Beastie Boys, the two hip-hop acts who would close the night and who G. Love shares a similar groove with.

After skipping 311 in favor of a nap, I caught the Roots who absolutely brought the house down, despite arriving onstage nearly a half hour late. Their cover of Bob Dylan’s “Masters Of War” was one of the most thrilling political statements I’ve ever witnessed as drummer Questlove and his guitarist (“Captain Kirk”), along with tuba player (“Tuba Gooding Jr”) riffed on “The National Anthem” and Dylan’s
Spring break trips, cruises abundant for students

KASSANDRA POOL
Staff Writer

The moment students have been waiting for since the semester began is almost here. As of this Thursday they will be two glorious days away from an entire week free of academic obligations: Spring Break. Students, such as freshman Ivana Harris, are excited about the break.

“To me [Spring Break] is a time to relax and enjoy the days with friends and family. It’s like a getaway to ease school stress and catch up with sleep,” Harris said.

Students may have their bags already packed, ready to travel somewhere new and exciting. Others, though, may simply head back home to spend time with their families during the break.

Some may be planning to go to South Beach for a tan and enjoy the nightclubs available amid thrilling scenery, but for those still interested in traveling elsewhere, here are some places to consider.

GRAHAM CENTER
TRAVEL LEADERS AGENCY

Located on the north coast of the Dominican Republic, Puerto Plata offers tourists picturesque beaches coupled with a backdrop of mountain ranges.

Travel Leaders offers students a stay there for five nights from $879.00 per person. The package includes round-trip midweek air to Montego Bay, Jamaica, round-trip airport transfers, accommodations for number of nights selected, all meals, snacks, beverages, activities and non-motorized water sports are included in the package. Hotel tax and service charges are also covered.

If Puerto Plata doesn’t cut it for you, then Punta Cana might be the perfect place with a beach on the east coast stretching 50 kilometers.

An array of water sports is available for student tourists to enjoy, which includes snorkeling, flying boats, sports fishing and double-decker party boats. Other activities available include horseback riding, safari-type excursions on four-wheel bikes, jeep safaris, moonstruk or helicopters rides and buggy rides.

Travel Leaders is offering a five-night stay from $854.00 per person. Round-trip midweek air to Punta Cana, D.R., round-trip airport transfers, accommodations for number of nights selected, all meals, snacks, beverages, activities and non-motorized water sports are included in the package. Hotel tax and service charges are also covered. Another package the agency offers is a seven-night stay in Jamaica from $862.00 per person. This package includes round-trip midweek air to Montego Bay, Jamaica, round-trip airport transfers, accommodations for number of nights selected, all meals, snacks, beverages, activities and non-motorized water sports, as well as hotel tax and service charges.

Other than sandy beaches and calm blue seas, Jamaica offers tourists opportunities to climb waterfalls, ride horses, swim with dolphins, hunt for ghosts in old houses, bicycle along mountain trails and scuba dive in the Caribbean.

For more information on the above packages visit the Travel Leaders website at www.fiatravel.com or their office in GC, next to the piano lounge.

DADELAND TRAVEL AGENCY

If getting on an airplane isn’t something you look forward to, then hopping on a cruise ship might be more enjoyable. Dadeland Travel Agency is offering a five-day Western Caribbean cruise through Carnival Cruise Lines starting at $549 per person. The cruise offers enlivening beaches, rainforests and an exciting nightlife. Travelers are also given optional daily activities. Their departure is March 15 and arrival date is March 20.

For more information on the above dates visit www.dadelandtravel.com.

CRUISES AND TOURS UNLIMITED

Another cruise ship to consider is the Disney Cruise Line, which offers a three-night cruise to the Bahamas. The cost is $300.00 for two persons.

The Bahamas is known for its tropical climate, history and culture. With Disney Cruise Line travelers can enjoy different activities program for adults, teens and children. Options include attending live musical stage shows or spending a day exploring Castaway Cay, a private island in the Bahamas. Departure date is set for March 13.

Carnival Cruise Line also offers a three-night cruise to the Bahamas. The cost is $589 for two persons. Departure date is set for March 14.

Unlike the Disney Cruise, Carnival Cruise offers the “Fun Ship” Fascination which is a range of lounges, nightclubs, and fun-filled onboard activities.

For more information on the above dates visit www.iwantacruise.com.

Other booking options include American Airlines, where students can receive 10 percent discounts on flights. For details visit www.aacollege.com.

South Florida’s dismal music scene comes some relief

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powerful anti-war protest song for over 20 minutes. Despite the abridged set, the Roots were the band to see at Langerado.

The Beastie Boys came on after The Roots and they started slow. Well, actually, they didn’t start slow, but I was so far back in the crowd, and the volume was so low, it was really difficult to get into them until I made my way to the front.

By this point, they had abandoned their ridiculous posturing and ego, REM was a treat on this chilly night.

Alright, I’m about to lose credibility. I didn’t see anyone on Sunday. I couldn’t take another day in the sun.

So we packed up early, bid adieu to our neighbors and set off back to civilization and reality content with the knowledge that, at least for one weekend, I was surrounded by like-minded people who shared a passion for music that made me feel at least slightly less out of tune with the world around me.

And for that, I thank Langerado and hope it continues bringing the good vibes and music for years to come.
### WEEKEND RUNDOWN

#### THURSDAY • MARCH 13

**What:** Spring Break Boink Bus Tour  
**Where:** Ocean Drive (between 8th and 9th Streets on Ocean Drive)  
**Miami Beach, FL 33139**  
**When:** 10 a.m.  
**How Much:** Varies

#### FRIDAY • MARCH 14

**What:** La Gloria Cubana Super Roll cigar-rolling competition  
**Where:** El Credito Cigar Factory  
1106 SW 8th St  
**Miami, FL 33130**  
**When:** 2:30 p.m.  
**How Much:** Varies

#### SATURDAY • MARCH 15

**What:** Jazz In the Gardens 2day Pass: George Benson, Ojays, Chaka Khan & More  
**Where:** Dolphin Stadium  
2269 Dan Marino Blvd, Miami, FL 33056  
**When:** 4 p.m.  
**How Much:** $40 - $75

#### SUNDAY • MARCH 16

**What:** Martin Short  
**Where:** Knight Concert Hall  
The Arts Center  
1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33132  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**How Much:** $11.50 - $61.50

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**Compiled by Kassandra Pool**
Digital sins, anti-ego advice for new technology age

COMMANDMENT 1
Thou shall have only one self-portrait photograph per social network site. 30 pictures of yourself in slightly varied poses in your MySpace gallery reeks of Eau de Super Ego.

COMMANDMENT 2
Thou shalt watch movies outside of the classroom. What’s the point in coming to class if you’re going to watch a film? The money you, your parents or the government use to fund your college career is going to waste on a Netflix account that can’t take your finals for you.

COMMANDMENT 3
Thou shalt remove thy earpiece when both hands are free. When walking around, having both ears free works to your benefit. You can judge how close that forklift backing up is and avoid death by freak accident. You can even hold a conversation with your full attention – think of the possibilities!

COMMANDMENT 4
Thou shalt not post a blog rant about work and/or private photos online. Google the net and you’ll find stories of people fired from their jobs for posting blogs about work online and how companies are researching potential employees’ MySpace and Facebook accounts to see who they really are.

COMMANDMENT 5
Thou shalt deal with emotions face to face. Professing your undying love via text message can be cute, endearing even. But breaking up, even asking for a divorce, by message? Just no.

COMMANDMENT 6
Thou shalt not phone at meals. Unless you’re a roommate on “The Real World” or “Big Brother,” there’s no need to document your every waking moment – we won’t forget what you looked like a minute ago.

COMMANDMENT 7
Thou shalt use technology wisely. Shiny, new digital toys like laptops, phones and cameras are great tools but can seduce us into forgetting simple manners. Remember there’s a whole living, breathing world outside of the box and you’ll be on your way to finding the balance between life on and offline.
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**BASEBALL**

**TROY 13 FIU 12**

Five Golden Panthers (5-7) errors overshadowed another double-digit offensive performance as they to Troy (10-2) on March 7 at Riddle-Pace Field. The loss marked the first Sun Belt Conference game for both teams. Sophomore Jorge Ramos (1-1) was charged with the loss as he pitched 2.1 innings and gave up five earned runs. Troy reliever A.J. Howard (3:0) gave up three runs in 2.0 innings of work. Headed into the seventh inning, the game was a back and forth game with several lead changes. A five-run seventh inning, by Troy put them on top, and the Golden Panthers fell 13-12.

**FIU 8, TROY 2**

Golden Panther (6-7) starter Corey Polizarno (2-1) struggled his way out of trouble through 6.1 innings to even the series against Troy (10-3) on March 8. He allowed eight walks; Tory stranded a total of 12 runners during the game. Troy starter Tim Wheeler (1-2) pitched 7.2 innings as he allowed seven earned runs and 10 hits. Senior John Petika went 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI. FIU got on the board early with a bases loaded single to win 8-2.

**FIU 7, HARVARD 6**

The 2008 Blue & Gold Felsburg Memorial got underway at University Park on March 7 with a 13-1 rout against Harvard University. The Golden Panthers’ (7-15) broke their six-game losing streak behind starter Kasey Barret went the distance pitching a 5.0 inning complete game while allowing one earned run. Junior third baseman Katie Bell led all batters with a 3-for-4 performance and four RBI. Harvard starter Ale Torres could not record out and she gave up four runs in the loss. **BALL STATE FIU 6**

In the second game, the Golden Panthers (7-16) could not duplicate their offensive performance as they fell to Ball State 6-1 on March 8. The Golden Panthers scored their lone run in the first inning of play to even up the score. Ball State was ahead 2-1 headed into the third inning, but they added three runs behind three singles and a double to extend the lead to 5-1. **BALL STATE FIU 6**

Ball State starter Elizabeth Milan pitched a complete game and relinquished one run. Golden Panther starter pitched 2.2 innings and allowed four earned runs. **FIU 3 OREGON STATE 2**

Another strong performance by Golden Panther (8-16) starter Kasey Barret set up a late rally for FIU against Oregon State on March 8. Neither team began scoring until late in the contest. Oregon State scored in successive innings to take a 2-0 lead. FIU responded in the sixth inning of a run with its own. Ashley Falk started the seventh inning with a home run to tie the game, then first baseman Carolina Rojas hit a walk-off RBI double to complete the 3-2 comeback.

**HARVARD 2, FIU 0**

Harvard won its first game of the season on March 8 against the Golden Panthers’ struggling offense. Harvard starter Shelly Madick did not allow a run through 7.0 innings to earn the team’s first victory of the 2008 season.

**OREGON STATE 4, FIU 1**

Oregon State tallied a season-high 14 hits to defeat the Golden Panthers (8-16) 4-1 on March 9. FIU scored in the second inning and would not score for the remainder of the game. Oregon State scored in the same inning and added three more in fifth inning to complete the Gold & Blue Felsburg Memorial.

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New point guard and post player will complement senior offensive leaders

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Both players have won at different levels against elite competition.

Soto was heavily recruited by major programs like Georgia Tech and Illinois coming out of high school, before choosing Florida State.

After one season as a Seminole, Soto chose to transfer to become a part of turning around the FIU basketball program. The two-time high school state champion, at Arlington Day High, has played with the best.

In 2006, Soto played for the United States in the Albert Schweitzer Tournament in Germany, and he averaged 17 points per game, while getting fouled and made free throws with 1:18.

Senior Trojans forward Andrea Key mad a tip-in shot in the paint.

Two free throws by Hughes would seal a UALR win and end FIU's season.

Neal was optimistic about FIU's chances in the tournament, if they would have advanced past UALR.

"If we had won, we [Ferguson] would have come up for the next game," said forward Asha Neal.

Cristobal said.

The coach deserves to have a chance to bully a conference that lacks a premier forward right off the bat for FIU.

There is no doubt that if Rouco uses his new forward to his full potential, he will bully a conference that lacks a premier frontcourt.

Both players have won at different levels against elite competition.

New acquisition brings different offense than predecessor

Before Purdue, Legg coached at Marshall where he served as tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator in 2001-02.

Marshall ranked third nationally in total offense both years, averaging 505 and 495 yards per game, while compiling a 21-4 record and winning both bowl games.

In 2001, Legg coached Gregg Kellett, who served first team All-Mid-American Conference honors and signed a free-agent contract with the Indianapolis Colts.

From 1995 to 2000, Legg worked at his alma mater, West Virginia, as interior offensive line coach.

He also was offensive coordinator his final season.

The Mountaineers were 39-31 and played in four bowl games during his six years on the staff.

Legg's other experience includes one season as offensive line coach at Virginia Military Institute (1994), five years as offensive line coach at Eastern Illinois (1989-93) and one season as offensive coordinator at West Virginia Tech (1988).

He was a graduate assistant at West Virginia in 1986 and 1987, working with the tight ends and special teams.

A four-year starting center for West Virginia from 1981 to 1984, Legg was head coach Don Nehlen's first recruit with the Mountaineers.

He played in four bowl games and, as a senior, received the Ira E. Rodgers Award for being the player who has "shown high leadership- ship and academic qualities as well as football performance."

Legg was drafted by the Birmingham Stallions of the United States Football League and subsequently had a brief stint with the Washington Redskins in 1985.

A native of Poca, W.Va., Legg earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1985 and a master's in education in 1987, both from West Virginia.

Four of his Boilermaker pupils went on to play in the National Football League: center Nick Hardwick (third round of 2004 by the San Diego Chargers), tackle Kelly Butler (sixth round of 2004 to the Detroit Lions), guard Uche Nwaneri (fifth round of 2007 to Jacksonville Jaguars) and tackle Mike Otto (seventh round of 2007 to Tennessee Titans).

"He will bring the kind of leadership that will help our program get to the next level and we're thrilled to have him on staff," coach Cristobal said.

-One Shot

However, if FIU stays healthy and does not manage to at least be over .500 in the win column, Rouco must go.

It will be too much. Galindo and Hicks, who scored 25 points per game combined this year, will both be 23-year-old seniors at the beginning of the upcoming season.

Expectations should be held on those two to take their game to the next level, as they both have potential to do more.

With Soto and Asprilla as complements, Rouco will have his most talented starting lineup, since he arrived at University Park.

Soto told me he expects an NCAA tournament appearance, off the bat.

The coach deserves to have a chance to lead the team he put together, but talent alone does not win.

So, come on, coach, lets see it work.

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DOUBLE TEAM: Senior forward Jasmine Jenkins scored 7 points and 7 rebounds in the 57-52 loss.
Football head coach assigns new offensive coordinator

SERGIO BONILLA
Sports Editor

Head football coach Mario Cristobal announced the new offensive coordinator, Bill Legg.

Legg, 45, coached five seasons at Purdue and was the co-offensive coordinator for the last two.

Calling most of the offensive plays, the 2006 Boilermakers led the Big Ten in passing offense (291.6 yards per game) and total offense (415.7), ranking sixth and 13th nationally.

In 2007, Purdue again led the Big Ten in total offense (435.92) and scoring offense (34.31) and ranked 12th nationally in passing offense (307.15).

Legg coached the Purdue offensive line from 2003 to 2005, but concentrated solely on the centers and guards over the last two seasons.

Perhaps the biggest beneficiaries of Legg’s offense will be the running back tandem of A’mod Ned and Julian Reams.

For former offensive coordinator James Coley, the running back’s production last two seasons.

Legg’s offense will be the running back Wayne Younger’s mobile style also prevented the running backs to contribute to the offense, but with Legg controlling the offense, Ned and Reams should be the backbone of the offense.

Legg will be working with sophomore Andy Leavine and freshman Brad Serini, two of the returning offensive linemen.

The team lost two key contributors to the line this past season: senior Rolando Ramos, page 11

Chairman Sergio Bonilla, football head coach

Coach Legg is a veteran who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with him. He is a great teacher, a great communicator and a dynamic leader who has worked at championship programs.

In Soto, the Golden Panthers have found a point guard for the present and future, a weak link for the team last season.

Over the last two seasons, a Golden Panther guard has been unable to stay on the team.

In 2006, the Golden Panthers lost both starting guards Elvis Lora and DeJean Prejean to academic ineligibility. This season, FIU lost backcourt mates Michael James and Kenneth “Redd” White due to suspension and quitting.

Despite a valiant effort by freshman walk-on Nick Taylor to run the point, he is simply not the playmaker that Soto has the potential to be.

In 2008, the Golden Panthers are without two all-conference performers on the roster, Alex Galindo and Russell Hicks. Although it may seem easy to fire the coach, there are a few reasons why Rouco should get one more chance to turn around FIU’s fortunes when the 2008-09 season tips off next year.

Be patient, Pete Garcia. Two of those reasons will likely be putting a smile on your face next season, Freddy Asprilla and Josue Soto. These two players will make or break Rouco’s FIU career and play a big role in the Golden Panthers return to significance, if they live up to their promise.