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Big three SGA Forums to be held

The Student Government Association will be holding the last two of three SGA Forums at the Graham Center.

The SGA Forums is where students get to voice their concerns and ideas directly to the SGA and university administrators. SGA and university goals will also be shared with the student body during these events.

The remaining dates will be on Oct. 8 at GC 243 and Nov. 13 at the GC Pit. Some of the issues to be discussed include parking, transportation, activities and services fee, budget cuts, textbook affordability, and future FIU endeavors.

New VP fills fund-raising vacancy

Faculty concert helps save music programs in schools

School of Music faculty and the FIU Big Band played their parts at the FIU Faculty Spotlight Concert on Friday, Oct. 3 at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center.

The concert helped raise money for the FIU Collegiate Music Educators National Conference’s “Grant for Music in Need.”

This grant is given away each year to an elementary school music teacher in need. This year’s grant went to Rosemary Meitz of Royal Green Elementary School. Meitz also attended the concert.

Professor of clarinet Paul Green, Professor Dennis Janzer on the organ and vocal performances from professional Lissette Jimenez and Kathleen Wilson were featured at the concert.

This is the second year the CMENC has held this event. Last year, the Grant for Music in Need went to West Homestead Elementary School.

“We was a really great turn out,” said Elizabeth Cid, a music education major.

Cid also said she believed the concert was truly extraordinary, since the grant is used to help keep music education programs in schools.

The announcement for Conrad’s appointment was made in a press release e-mailed to the FIU body, written by Maidique.

“Coming in, our goal is to build on the successes of this past year while continuing to build on FIU’s reputation for excellence,” Conrad said.

We want to up the amount. Our goal is to be able to give away $750 to the first place winner and give around $300 to the second place winner.

Even though the music department has never won the grant for next year’s winner.

“We plan to keep the Faculty Spotlight Concert as a tradition at FIU,” said Assistant Professor for the School of Music Dr. Kathy Murrell.

“It is very important that we, as a community, give back to our educators and help them become better teachers,” Murrell said.

The FIU Big Band and the Jazz faculty will hold another performance on Oct. 14. The event is also free and open to the public.
CONSTRUCTION FINISHED

Almost here: The new cafeteria at BBC will open Friday, Oct. 11 but the grand opening events, including giveaways, will be celebrated next week, the date is not set yet.

Sage serves up brunch on a budget with lox, bagels

Imagine this. You bite into a bagel, and begin to taste it and feel the different textures on your tongue. First, the toasted crusty outside of the bagel, followed by the gentle softness of the inside where the layers start to reveal themselves: smooth-as-silk cream cheese, tart lox, creamy scrambled eggs, and finally, the salty, buttery finish of the lox. Sounds like a foodgasm to me.

The open-faced lox and bagel sandwich is a brunch staple – a food that is neither light enough for breakfast nor hearty enough for lunch. Luckily for Biscayne Bay Campus students, our campus is a student’s dream town. Imagine a Miami shopping district cluttered with lunch casualties of the weekday workers who have brought it to the mainstream table by offering different versions at their quick-serve restaurants.

Lox is a smoked and cured salmon fillet. The favorite style of bagel-eaters is nova, a version of lox that is less salty and has a more delicate flavor because it is cured in a milder brine. Either way, the sliced lox ranges from bright pink to orange and looks almost identical to its beginning form.

But it’s not. It is both cured and smoked, resulting in a texture that is similar to raw fish – hence the smooth and fatty mouthfeel you get with the flavors of these cooking processes, which give the fish the smoked and salty finish.

A lecture series about childhood dreams became the last and most important by a professor after a deadly pancreatic cancer diagnosis. Ronald P. Pausch, computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon University, had a great chance for me to reflect about the theme behind many themes.

Harvey’s lecture,” Bennett said. The second lecture, “Using one’s talents to improve the quality of humanity,” will be presented by Ronald P. Fisher, professor of legal psychology, in November.

Mary Lou Pfeiffer, adjunct professor of religious studies, will be giving the last lecture in the series on Dec. 11. Beginning at 8 p.m. in the Mary Ann Wolfe Theater at the Wolfe University Center, the event will be free and open for students, faculty, staff and the North Miami community.

Friends of Wine will hold wine tastings before and after the November and December lectures. Working alongside TSA, Hawkins said she decided to start the series to benefit students outside of the classroom. Her goal was to give students a chance to see their professors on a more personal level.

“Tau Sigma Alpha Honor Society has a mission to ‘make students’ dreams a reality,’ said Antonina Shachar, a psychology and philosophy major and member of TSA. "If one of our members can come up with a meaningful event which can raise awareness or broaden our perspectives, we will draw upon all available resources to carry out the plan.”
Miami Dade College no pushover institution

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The Wall Street Journal

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professor remembering who you
from such a wonderful institution
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that Kansas City may soon be beachfront
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that pumps out so much carbon dioxide
of anything plastic comes from a factory
international food shortage, the devalued
warming is an affliction you can catch.)
– that’s all we hear nowadays. (Notice

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Editor’s Note: Recently, Contributing Writer Chris Lee Reyes wrote a piece which ex-
posed the fact that FIU’s “2+2 partner-
ship” with Miami-Dade College, which allows many students who complete Associates’ Degrees at the college admission into
our University, is detrimental to FIU’s college rankings. Today, we present a counterpoint in de-
fense of MDC.

As a proud alumnus of Miami Dade Honors College, I am ap-
palled to read how much of the blame about FIU’s fourth-tier
status is shifted toward the stu-
dents coming from Miami Dade
College.
I, for one, am proud to come from such a wonderful institution that has taught me so much.
Unlike FIU, Miami Dade College has smaller classes with professors who actually know your
name.
Yes, there is such a thing as a professor remembering who you
are. Unlike FIU, Miami Dade College classes fit around your
schedule, not whatever schedule
FIU feels like giving you.
In Miami Dade, I was done
before 1 p.m. almost every day.
Despite what my professors at
Miami Dade College said about
FIU not being a great school, I
chose to come here anyway.

The quality of FIU is left to be desired: customer service is a three-ring circus, classes are overcrowded
and huge time gaps interfere with jobs.

KIMBERLY C. ENGLEHARDT
Staff Writer

At FIU, I’m lucky to leave at 3:30 p.m.
Like FIU, Miami Dade College prides itself in its diverse student
body: Honors College students, Fulbright Scholars, Phi Theta
Kappa members and international
students.
Some of my fellow classmates from
Miami Dade College went
on to Yale, Columbia, NYU and
Stanford. We all know that these
top-notch schools don’t let just
anybody in.
Miami Dade College students
work extremely hard to reach
their goals and succeed in life.
Yes, we had other choices be-
side FIU, UP, FSU and UM, to
name a few.

I remember back in high
school, everybody told me not
to go to Miami Dade College
because it wasn’t the greatest
school.
Following my gut instinct
and going against their advice, I
dived into the Miami Dade College
Honors program only to find out
that I didn’t like it. I loved it.
I made lasting friendships, some-
thing that is very hard to do in
FIU.
Anyway, I thought FIU de-
served a chance. Besides, the
School of Journalism and Mass
Communications is one of the
harder programs to get into FIU.
Not to mention that the Honors
College at Miami Dade was

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SURVEY SAYS

Web site eases stress of college application process

DIANA JORDAN
Contributing Writer

College-bound students’ prayers have been answered in the form of tell-all Web site Unigo, created by a recent Wesleyan graduate, Jordan Goldman.

Knowing the difficulties high school students face when choosing which higher education institution to attend, Goldman set out to create a one-stop site to aid students and parents alike. During the difficult years of sorting through hundreds of schools, students can become overwhelmed with books advising how to get into college.

The Web site caters to tens of thousands of students and parents across North America in hopes of making the burden-some process of college application less stressful. Although the site cannot guarantee students’ admission into the schools of their choice, it does provide them with critical and useful information about 267 schools.

This site is unique in several ways, including the fact that the majority of the information provided has been obtained from students who attend the schools. Not surprisingly, students would rather learn from others.

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Students will also find positive statements about the University, such as “It is located in an exciting city,” “There are free concerts” and “It provides a safe environment,” as well as negative feedback, including criticism of inadequate parking, budget cuts and a lack of enthusiasm for the school.

The site serves as a medium for all current and future Golden Panthers to express themselves freely about their school or to learn from others.

“The site is beneficial because the information is coming from other students who have experienced what they are commenting on,” said Valeska Rodriguez, a freshman majoring in English.

To date, over 30,000 student opinions have been listed in the forms of answers to questionnaires, photos, videos and blog entries. All members of Unigo create user profiles in order to facilitate other students’ searches for specific peer opinions.

Although students already attending a university most likely know important information about their school, the site allows them a place to discuss professors, school spirit, majors and their school’s overall atmosphere.

Students will be glad to hear the site offers a large quantity of generally unbiased information about the school provided by students from diverse backgrounds and majors.

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“I liked the fact that the Web site provided positive and negative aspects of the school and that the students’ comments were honest. I would like to see more information about professors and a sports section with updates on our teams,” said Donna Perez, a freshman majoring in English.
Rush week gives fraternities chance to lure in new bros

The Interfraternal Council’s rush week took place last week and many fraternities are looking ahead to another great semester.

“Rush is an exciting time because you should expect from Sammy success in everything we decide to take part of,” said President of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Mariel Cabra. “We will be hosting large events throughout the year. In addition, expect Sammy to support Athletics and the Alumni Association as well.”

Throughout the week, fraternities had tables in Graham Center and many men were able to get more information about each one, such as information about the history of each organization and what they had to offer.

Being there every day throughout the week also gave men the chance to meet different brothers. The first day of the week was called “Meet the Fraternities,” held for men interested in joining Greek Life and allowing them a chance to meet all the different fraternities so they would be able to decide which ones they were particularly interested in.

After the first day, each fraternity held different events to better focus on the men who were especially interested in their organization. Some of the events were open to anyone, some were open to women - mostly the events that were parties - and some were private events that were by invitation only.

The week gave each fraternity the chance to show what they have to offer men on campus. “As far as what we offer young gentlemen that are thinking of going Greek is that they will have fun during their time at FIU,” Cabrera said. “They are going to party while keeping their scholastics above average. They will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and they will meet people.”

Jaime Montalvan, a junior and fraternity member decided Greek Life was for him and decided to rush. He was very impressed with the way all the fraternities established themselves to the men. Fiji grabbed his attention at first. “They had a lot of loud music at their table and it was just a very fun atmosphere,” he said.

He ended up deciding to attend mainly Pi Kappa Phi events throughout the week. “All the fraternities were very welcoming and I felt comfortable with everyone, but I felt like I had a lot in common with Pi Kappa Phi and the guys seemed really cool,” he said.

Some of the Pi Kappa Phi events that he attended last week were their barbecue and “getting to know the brothers of Pi Kappa,” where they had alumni visiting and provided information about their fraternity.

Montalvan said that he decided to go through rush week because he didn’t want to leave school without at least trying. “Summertime gave me more time to really get to know the brothers from different fraternities and I feel like I had a slight advantage because I rushed in the summer,” said Alex Maltez, a freshman computer engineering major who became a pledge in the summer.

Maltez ended up getting a bid from Phi Delta Gamma. “I just felt right with them, like I belonged there,” he said.

He was happy with fall’s rush week and said that he was pleased with last week’s events, such as their barbecue and surfing at Adrenalina in the Miami International Mall.

Male students interested in joining an IFC fraternity can go to Campus Life in GC for more information or visit www.fiu.edu/~greeks.

Greek Life is a bimonthly column by Amanda Batchelor. Read it in the Beacon as well as FIUSM.com

TNA star Consequences

Creed discusses career, life

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down there that I would never feel like reading.

TB: So how did you start in professional wrestling?

CC: I started training under Rob Adonis and learned a ton that summer. When I went to school in South Carolina I met up with a guy named Brodie Ray Chase and he finished up my training. He also taught me more than I could ever repay him for.

We then driving around the southeast on weekends trying to find places to wrestle and things like that so it kind of snowballed right after I met Rob into what it is now.

TB: With Kurt Angle coming from the WWE, how has that impacted TNA?

CC: It’s been great. Kurt Angle is one of the best, if not the best, in the world. And him being on the roster has done great things for TNA.

It has opened so many doors for us and gotten us so much more popularity now that we’ve got guys like him.

It helps the younger guys like us because we can use that knowledge to learn from people who have the knowledge.

TB: I understand that you went to Furman University and you majored in psychology and philosophy. What are some of the reasons why you chose those two?

CC: I just love psychology and understanding why people are the way they are and how the brain works and things like that - what does what and why.

It’s just always been really interesting to me. If I’m not able to wrestle then I want to do something in psychology. And actually in my psychology courses I took an autism seminar and I really got a passion for learning about autism and so I’d do therapy with kids and things like that. It’s really something that is really close to me - psychology specifically children’s autism is what I want to do if I’m not able to wrestle.

TB: In terms of TNA Wrestling, how is this product different from other wrestling programs such as the WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) or the old school WCW (World Championship Wrestling) or ECW (Extreme Championship Wrestling) and what do you bring to the table to attract more fans and more viewers?

CC: It’s in the name, Total Nonstop Action. There’s never really a dull moment in the show. From the moment it starts to the moment it ends you are on the edge of your seat.

There’s action, there’s drama, there’s everything wrapped up in one. And that’s something that other companies don’t have and it’s amazing to watch the shows.

For the rest of the interview, check out FIUSM.com.
Years at ‘The U’ prepared head coach

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Beach. Rather than partake in the hoopla and post-game festivities surrounding the victory, Cristobal went to his hotel room waiting for a sense of satisfaction.

“I just remember sitting in front of the TV waiting for CNN to announce to see it make it official. I was sitting there saying ‘make it official, make it official; I want to see it’ and as soon as they announced it, I just remember letting go of my just give and I just laid back in my bed and went to sleep; it was like mission accomplished, I lets go see the president,” he said.

It was after that victory that that Cristobal’s persever- ence would show and his patience would be tested.

After Miami posted another underrated season, the bid for a second consecutive national championship and fifth overall would be de- nied by Alabama in a 34-13 Sugar Bowl loss.

To make matters worse, Cristobal, a fifth-year senior at the time, suffered a seri- ous knee injury in the game that hurt his draft stock signifi- cantly and kept him out of organized football for a year.

The injury certainly was a setback for the 1992 First Team All Big East Conference selection. Though, taken, makes no vac- ues.

“It does happen. The last thing I ever wanted to be was a guy who always blamed not being able to go to the next level on an injury. When it happened, I worked my butt off and tried to get back in time and for what- ever reason, I couldn’t go as high as the NFL as I wanted to. As much as that kills you inside as a player, you also got to be thankful and at the end of the day, you live to play another day,” he said.

That day would come af- ter 7 months of rehab and sitting out an entire season as it would be an opportuni- ty to perform on the second grandest stage of football: the NFL Preseason.

Cristobal spent the 1994 training camp with the Wade Phillips’ led Denver Broncos, signing as a free agent. He was cut after just three preseason games, right before the start of the regu- lar season.

While in Broncos training camp, he got a small taste of what their pre season was about, and got to share a few offensive rehearsals with the likes of John Elway and Shannon Sharpe.

“It was the ultimate dream come true. There were some unbelievable moments and there were a lot of us competing for those jobs. Those were real trying times but an unbelievable experience,” he said.

With the desire to reach the top level still there, Cristobal made one last at- tempt for the NFL by join- ing the Amsterdam Admirals of the NFL Europe league which had become a safety net for players who were attempting to prolong their careers.

Unfortunately, after two years overseas and even a World Bowl appearance in 1995 (the equivalent to the NFL’s Super Bowl), Cristobal returned to the states hoping the two-year sacrifice would pay off, but he was once again denied.

From then, it took Cristobal just three weeks to realize it was the end of the road. He had several tryouts, but didn’t receive any con- tract offers. A disappointed

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TIM REYNOLDS
AP Staff Writer

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I don’t know if you could ask for a more blessed career. The culture and mentality that was created and getting placed in an environment like that has really helped me as a human being.

Mario Cristobal, Head Coach
Football

EXPERIENCE TRANSLATES:
Coach Cristobal brings cham-

pionship experience across town to try to win a builder.

When exactly it will happen is unknown but for now, the Golden Panthers team has a foundation to build upon: they are led by an in- dividual that has tasted suc- cess many times.

Miami Heat takes the show on the road for preseason in Europe

For the Miami Heat, a week in Europe is nothing like a vacation.

Sure, they’ll gather to- gether at the Edifel Tower and take a bus ride through the streets of England’s big- gest city, snapping photos and making videos like just about every other tourist. Dwyane Wade said he’s been think-

ing about the trip for weeks.

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FIU Women’s Volleyball split a tough weekend road trip, losing to Middle Tennessee State (12-3, 2-1 Sun Belt) in four sets on Friday, and edging Western Kentucky (13-4, 2-1 SBC) in five sets on Saturday. The three squads are the toast of the Sun Belt East Division with a 3-1 conference record.

Before the trip, Head Coach Danijela Tomic addressed the challenge the team faced.

“Playing them (MTSU and WKU) was hard,” Tomic said. “It was like a modern-day gladiatorial combat,” Cristobal said.

“It’s almost like a modern-day gladiatorial combat,” Cristobal said of his passion for football that has been considered among the greatest of all time, when the University of Miami dominated the national scene for close to a decade.

Cristobal, in his five year career as an offensive lineman, played in three national championship games winning two, while also being a part of an NCAAA-record 58 game home winning streak at the now-defunct Orange Bowl. Cristobal knows how fortunate he was to reach college football’s pinnacle, he also knows the differences between the two national championship victories.

“I was a second team offensive lineman and it was a little bit surreal. It was something that we had aimed to do at the beginning of the season so it was obviously a tremendous goal accomplished,” he said of 1989 team that finished the season at 11-1 and defeated Alabama 32-25 in the Sugar Bowl for the program’s third national championship.

Just two years later, on Jan. 1, 1990, Cristobal’s team captured another national championship in a 22-0 shutout victory over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl. The 1991 team did not lose a game (12-0) and Cristobal’s role as a starter made the victory seem more as a personal culmination of sorts, particularly when the team retreated back to their hotel that night in Miami.

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**SUN BELT VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS**

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Asst. Sports Director

**Luca Messina**

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**One great win, one tough loss on the road**

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**Cristobal draws credibility from experience on the field**

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