On Thursday, Oct. 2, business mogul Donald Trump held a press conference in the Trump National Doral to announce that the Miss Universe pageant would be held at the University U.S. Bank Century Arena on Jan. 25, 2015.

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“One day I looked in the mirror, didn’t like what I saw, and decided to make a change,” she said. Inspired by the loss of very close loved ones, Neal-Viegbesie began to develop new health and fitness habits that helped her transform into the person she always wanted to be, physically and mentally. “I never wanted to be anyone else. It has always been about improving myself,” she said.

In an effort to emphasize the importance of being comfortable in your own skin, Student Health Services is dedicating an entire week to promoting positive body image and self-acceptance. Ebonie Parris, the wellness coordinator for Student Health Services, is dedicated to keeping students positive and healthy in coordination with the National Organization for Women.

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Marcela Ruiz-Paiz, a senior majoring in English and a wellness assistant for Student Health Services, refrained from revealing any exciting surprises that are in store for the Love Your Body RAW Day. However, she hinted that the RAW Day will be an “Instagram-able opportunity.” Much like Keiran Ward and Attarhey Viehege, many feel insecure about themselves and their image at times. This event was created to remind students that they are amazing just the way they are. When asked about women and weight, Keiran Ward said it best. “Rock your size and do your thing.” For more information about the FIU Love Your Body Day Week or any of the other RAW Days, you can visit Student Health Services in the University Union, Student Services building room 180, or e-mail wellness@fiu.edu.

### University encourages positive body image through events

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will be tabling outside of Green library to promote the larger Love Your Body Event, which starts Monday, Oct. 13, through one of their many Random Acts of Wellness Days. Sophia Pablos-Aguirre, a senior majoring in English and Molecular Biology, said that they are amazing just the way they are. This event was created to remind students that they are amazing just the way they are. When asked about women and weight, Keiran Ward said it best. “Rock your size and do your thing.” For more information about the FIU Love Your Body Day Week or any of the other RAW Days, you can visit Student Health Services in the University Union, Student Services building room 180, or e-mail wellness@fiu.edu.

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Looking at yourself before talking about us

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Why do oppressive governments and military of the United States "oppressing" their citizens? This was a question rolling around in my head as I saw an article after article regarding the situation in Ferguson, Missouri. I was surprised to learn that there were several Tibetan monks standing in solidarity with the protesters. What surprised me most and caused me disgust was the avalanche of negativity coming from countries completely opporaneous to their own people; countries like Iran, Russia, North Korea, China and Egypt.

Not surprisingly, North Korea is up first. The human rights record and military of the United States for the U.S. is nothing new; they've been threatening war for ages. I wasn't surprised when in its state news agency, the Korean Central News Agency, decided to chime in saying that the U.S. "suffered disgrace" and "became a laughing stock of the world," because of the developing situation in Ferguson. This coming from the country that, according to United Nations Nations Reports, was committing human rights violations "without any parallel in the contemporary world."

According to the Washington Post, an entire laundry list of abuses exist in Korea, as presented in a 372-page report by the U.N. These abuses include the deaths of countless people since the 1950s held in secretive Soviet gulags – systems of forced labor camps, denying people traveling, discrimination based on ideological differences and radios that blast government propaganda that can't be turned off. Why does Korea commit so many abuses toward its own citizens as to warrant such a report should have some self-awareness when doing so? Then again, this is the country that still has approximately 25 million people living in apartheid and chooses to ignore it while Kim Jong-un entertains Dennis Rodman.

Russia, whose foreign minister stated, "Washington should focus on its own problems rather than intervening in other countries under the pretext of defending democracy and human rights," Russia, of course, is not so stranger to doing just that. This is a nation involved in the following countries: Russia and Ukraine, which has the nerve to engage in what The Economist dubs "softbackroom." That is, Russia believes itself exempt from criticism because other nations are doing the same thing they are. That's not an excuse to ignore one's actions.

Russia has been involved in many human rights abuses and violations, including the active persecution of gay people, recent legislation on citizens' right to protest and generally contributing to what the international watchdog organization, Human Rights Watch, called "the worst human rights disaster in post-Soviet history." As of now, Russia has been critical of the U.S. since the days of the Soviet Union. However, in 2010, some 7,000 Russian nationalists rallied near the Kremlin, chanting racist slogans and attacking non-Russian nationalists.

According to Reuters, just last year there were racial riots over the killing of an ethnic Russian in Southern Moscow by a migrant laborer from the mostly Muslim state of Azerbaijan. Police clashes ensued, shops were looted and broken into, and many were arrested.

The Supreme Leader of Iran, Ali Khamenei, tweeted that the U.S. was the "biggest violator of HumanRights:" a very interesting stance considering that, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Iranian citizens are barred from using Twitter. Iran has a history of anti-Semitism, beatings and torture of protesters. Human Rights Watch reported that Iran continues to hold political pris- oners despite recent claims that it has mass-released crimes of necessary medical treatment.

China took the opportunity to suggest the U.S. to "concentrate on solving its own problems rather than always pointing fingers at others." Ironically, since China consistently ignores criticism when presented with an annual human rights report by the U.S.

According to the Wall Street Journal's China Real Time Blog, China hasn't been covering Ferguson all that much because they're afraid it will cause a lot of unrest in the Xinjiang region, wherein the native Chinese Han are a minority. And there's a mostly Muslim Uighur popula- tion. The circumstances involved do appear similar, including the deadly force against civil- ians, and reporters being detained when trying to put together an independent picture.

An interesting thing about China is that, like North Korea, the government heavily controls the media and censors the Internet. The Muslim and Chinese population is heavily racially profiled and discriminated against by the native Han populace.

Good luck bearing the truth from that state on matters.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Egypt took the opportunity to urge " restraint and respect for the right of assembly and peaceful expression of opinion" regarding the Ferguson situation. Iron- ically, Egypt killed over 800 people who dared to protest the military-backed removal of then-president Mohamed Morsi last year, in an event known as the Rabaa massacre. According to the Huffington Post, Egyptian authorities have made it illegal to protest without prior permission and have taken to rounding up Egyptian journalists, foreign journalists and revolutionary activists.

In other words, anyone who doesn't toe the line doesn't get a fair trial.

Other nations that have been critical of the U.S. include Turkey, Germany and the United Kingdom. Overall, the criticism has mostly been the same; along the lines of America being foolish to think racism ended in the 1960s, that the Ferguson situation is out of control and a byproduct of racial violence; and that the U.S.'s punishment isn't what it should be, but has to do with a majority of the criticisms being leveled. I do, however, wish that the nations profiled above would show some self-awareness and tact when commenting. The critiques from Iran, China, Egypt, Russia and North Korea ring hollow when they have done and continue to do much worse.

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University honors distinguished professors during Award Ceremony

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On Oct. 2, 2014, the University held its annual Faculty Convocation and Award Ceremony at 3 p.m. in the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center. The ceremony was a day dedicated to acknowledging the excellence and accomplishments of University faculty.

This year, twenty-four faculty received awards in various categories such as Excellence in Teaching, Service, Research and Creative Activities, Engagement, Librarianship, Mentorship and Advising and the President’s Council Worlds Ahead Award.

From extensive research, writing peer reviewed articles and creating study abroad programs, to opening doors for immigrant children, writing for the Huffington Post, and receiving recognition from President Obama, the faculty here have contributed to FIU in ways that are pushing the university forward.

The afternoon included several speakers such as Chair of Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees member Kathleen Wilson, Student Government Association president and Board of Trustees member Alexis Calatayud, President Mark B. Rosenberg and Provost and Executive Vice President Kenneth G. Furton.

In his message to the audience, President Rosenberg discussed some of the challenges the university faces such as the State Legislature’s adoption of a new policy that ranks Florida state schools based on 6-year graduation rate, the percentage of students employed after graduation, their median income after graduating and more. Rosenberg also brought up the challenge of educational funding in the state, mentioning that $100 million were cut from schools in the state system with the potential of that amount doubling this year.

Rosenberg then explained that despite the challenges FIU faces, the university has several accomplishments to be proud of such as the 100 percent placement for music majors out of the 2013-14 graduating class.

According to Rosenberg, FIU also has a partnership with the Miami-Dade Public School System, which has helped place graduating students in their field of study.

Rosenberg expressed his gratitude and appreciation for University faculty throughout the ceremony and shared stories of how much the faculty have made an impact on the students. He repeated the words of one of the many faculty who have received their education at FIU.

“That place changed my life.”

This statement, according to Rosenberg, came from FIU alumnus Dennis Scholl, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in accounting. Rosenberg shared some of Scholl’s numerous accomplishments, which includes having worked for one of the country’s leading accounting firms and currently serving as Chair of the Perez Art Museum Miami.

The Award Ceremony was a reminder of how faculty have pushed students toward greatness and Rosenberg emphasized how profoundly FIU is growing.

“We [faculty] are doing what we love. Working with some of the most determined and appreciative students anywhere, providing more and better internships every year, graduating higher rates of students every year, carrying out our research and initiatives with an ever growing confidence and impact and developing win-win partnerships here and abroad.”

The 2014 Faculty Convocation and Award Ceremony was the first conducted with the University’s new provost, Kenneth G. Furton, so the event was also a chance for the FIU community to get to know Furton.

Furton’s work as an educator, mentor, researcher and even a crimefighter has prepared him to help FIU take on the challenges ahead.

“I am committed to tirelessly pushing FIU forward,” Furton said.

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“In my keynote address, Furton talked about his desire to make FIU a better place for students.

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Food off campus: A taste of Peru

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The food is brought promptly after ordering. The portions are a good size, and that’s coming from someone who doesn’t enjoy meager servings. I ordered the usual ceviche de pescado and lomo saltado that night, and didn’t regret it. The food came quickly and tasted good — and I did not have to put it in the microwave either.

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The fish was tender and thoroughly soaked in a rich, lemon-based sauce. The lomo saltado, however, was somewhat bland. A mix of sliced-up meat, onion and peppers, the lomo is bathed in sauce. However, the meat felt slightly dry and could have used more seasoning. While not a bad option, it could certainly consist of a better flavor for its $12.99 value.

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Momentum carries into second half of season

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The Panthers are only half way through the 2014 season and they’ve already tripled their win total from a year ago. They currently sit at 3-3 and are riding a two-game win streak after wins against University of Alabama at Birmingham and Florida Atlantic University.

The season didn’t start as planned for the Panthers. They opened with a loss at home against Football Championship Subdivision team Bethune-Cookman. Despite a poor effort, the Panthers had a chance to win it with a last-second field goal. The snap was botched and time ran out as the score stood 14-12 in favor of Bethune-Cookman.

The Panthers followed up that loss with an impressive showing against Wagner. Freshman quarterback Alex McGough led them to their first win of the season in his first collegiate start. Freshman running back Alex Gardner broke the freshman rushing record with 138 yards on the ground in the 34-3 victory.

The “W” by the Panthers then welcomed the Pittsburgh Panthers to The Cage. The 42-25 final score was indicative of how close the game really was. FIU’s defense gave the Pitt offense little room to breathe before they were able to blow it open with some late scores. Louisville came to town the following week; marking the second straight Atlantic Coast Conference opponent to visit The Cage. The Panthers defense was stellar once again. Barring a 21-point onslaught by the Cardinals in the second quarter, the Panther defense gave up only nine points in the other three. The offense could never get anything going against the Cardinals and the Panthers fell 34-3.

The Panthers traveled to Birmingham, Alabama to face the UAB Blazers in their first road game of the season. UAB came in with a top-ranked offense and FIU came in with a top-ranked defense. Defense won out as the Panthers defeated the Blazers 34-20. The Panthers were helped by two defensive touchdowns and two long touchdown passes.

The Panthers returned home the following week as they welcomed the FAU Owls for a Thursday night Shula Bowl matchup. The Panthers defeated the Owls 38-10 after another impressive performance by the defense.

One of the biggest contributors to the Panthers defense has been cornerback Richard Leonard. He is currently ranked second in the nation with 4 interceptions on the year. He’s already been named C-USA defensive player of the week once this year and looks to do it again. What’s even more impressive is that Leonard already has three defensive touchdowns through six games – two interceptions and one fumble recovery. His 100-yard fumble return against FAU tied a school record.

Quarterback Alex McGough runs the ball through the Florida Atlantic University defense on Oct. 2. McGough later rushed for a touchdown. The Panthers beat the Owls 38-10.

The most consistent part of this Panthers team has been the line. McGough and Gardner have spearheaded an FIU offense that is averaging 212 total yards per game. The line is currently rank top five in turnover margin.

“We work on turnovers every day in practice,” said Leonard. “When the ball is on the ground, we work on scooping it up. We really do a great job of that.”

Gardner took over as the starting back in week two against Wagner. He’s rushed for over 400 yards so far and is averaging 4.9 yards per carry. He scored his first collegiate touchdown on Thursday night against FAU.

The Panthers are 2-0 in C-USA play this year and sit in second place in the East Division behind Middle Tennessee. They have six games remaining: at University of Texas at San Antonio, Oct. 11; versus Marshall University (Homecoming) on Oct. 18; versus Rice University on Nov. 1; at Old Dominion University on Nov. 8; versus Middle Tennessee State University on Nov. 15 and at the University of North Texas on Nov. 22. The Panthers only need to win three of their remaining six to qualify for bowl eligibility.

Panthers focus on positivity to pull through

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The middle of the season brings fresh outlooks, new sports of urgency and fresh haircuts for the coaching staff and players on the women’s soccer team. At practice Thursday, Oct. 2, the Panther outlook was one to welcome adversity, confident in the guidance of Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt.

“The level of competition is gonna be high,” said senior midfielder Jokanna Velz, who, before the interview, was sung “Happy Birthday” to by her teammates. “We’re in conference, so every game is a must win... When you win you’re up and when you lose you’re down...”

According to Chestnutt, that’s when it becomes more on the line... Competition is higher and higher each game.”

Through 11 games, the Panthers have produced a 6-5 record, while beginning Conference USA play at 1-1. This team is no stranger to tough matches, as they’ve faced three top 25 opponents (University of Arizona; California State University, Long Beach and Santa Clara University), and three west coast universities (SCU, Pacific University and LBSU). The seven-game home stretch concluded Sept. 28.

Through this span, the Panthers went 4-3, nearly going 5-2 until a late game-winner by University of North Carolina at Charlotte handed Chestnutt and his squad their fifth loss. The most telling characteristic of this team is their ability to bounce back. The Panthers have not lost two consecutive games this season, a perfect 4-0 after a loss.

“We never capitalize or pay attention to the negatives too long,” said sophomore midfielder Alyssa Robinson. “Obviously, we go over them and see mistakes we made. We’re always ready to fix them.”

Chestnutt chimed in on the resilience of his team: “We don’t focus on the wins and losses, that’s not our focal point. The focal point is our process and how we do things... This team is experienced... It’s about staying focused, how well we did last time out and how well we are improving and bringing in new materials.”

Many of the non-conference schedule provided learning tools to prepare the Panthers for C-USA play.
Former guard partners to create brand

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A lot of things can happen inside a stuffy car after an intense summer workout. For former FIU men’s basketball guard Deric Hill, a brand was born.

His desire to succeed paved way for the “Don’t Settle, Be Great” brand to come to life.

Hill reached a lot of people when he scored 16 points and recorded six assists in a stunning FIU over middle Tennessee State University in the Sun Belt Conference Men’s Basketball Tournament semifinals in March of 2013. The Panthers entered the tournament as a underdog. Yeah, when we reached that matchup against the top-seeded Raiders seemed like an overwhelming one before Hill took over the game. He went on to make All-Tournament honors and played a key role as a walk-on, non-scholarship player, on the Panthers team that made a dramatic run through the SBC tournament, that ultimately fell one win shy of making the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament.

Hill, alongside a childhood friend, Danny Lopez, produced a brand that is touching a wholeness.

The brand, “Don’t Settle, Be Great,” started off as a way to motivate themselves during workouts, but it soon evolved into a way of life. “It’s a movement to tell people not to sit around and be satisfied with being ‘okay’ with what they’re doing,” Hill said. “We want to spread a message to people that they can be great at anything.”

Hill and Lopez left a护身符 during the summer of 2013 in hopes of creating their own inspirational quote. The “Be Great” part was already something they used to keep pushing each other during workouts, and came upon “Don’t Settle” because their friendship wouldn’t let them do anything else.

After coming up with their quote, the duo designed athletic wristbands with the brand name. They had no idea if anyone else would be interested in them, but the project eventually blossomed into a local trend.

The duo was very surprised by the support they received from the athletic community. Across social media, a number of professional athletes have been seen wearing DSBG bands, including Tim Hardaway, Jr., of the New York Knicks; Carlos Boozer of the Los Angeles Lakers; Brittany Griner of the Phoenix Mercury and Patrick Robinson of the New Orleans Saints, who supplied all of the team’s defensive backs with DSBG shirts.

“We wore the bands to spread the message to kids so they can strive to better,” Hill said. “But we were surprised from all the support. We passed them out to people who knew people and that’s helped us out a lot.”

“Everybody can relate to it,” Lopez said of why the brand has gotten such overwhelming support. “It’s not just for athletes. It can be for people at the workplace, mothers, fathers or students.”

After the wristbands started popping up across the nation, Hill and Lopez decided to expand the brand and began to design T-shirts. They got too many requests for shirts to not give it a try, Lopez said.

And like the bands, the shirts released and sold out shortly thereafter.

Their original design was for a black shirt with white labeling and a counterpoint white shirt with black labeling.

Because of increasing demand, the duo had to expand the sizes in which the shirts were produced and released two new colorways.

The expansion has even reached kids sizes because parents want their kids to wear the inspirational brand, Lopez said.

Panthers push on

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matches. Out of nine non-conference games, the Panthers went 5-4. That did not drag down the mood of the Panthers, though. Instead, it kept them closer, it kept them level-headed.

“The mood— it’s really great. It’s pure excitement,” said Volz. “We understand how much we have going for us and how good we are this year. As long as we do everything that we should be doing, getting our jobs done, it’s going to be a very successful season.”

At this point last season, the Panthers were facing a 3-8 record. Improvements are evident this season and the groundwork seemingly laid out for this team. The addition of a healthy Chestnut has added to the Panthers’ scoreboard. This season, not only is Chestnut looking to get back to postseason play as he’s done before, from 2009 to 2012, Chestnutt has spent 11-plus wins.

“We’re itching to find our level,” said Chestnutt. “Because of that, there’s a lot of excitement left in the team... We know we are playing well... The team feels the strength is there.”

The regular season ends Oct. 30 against Marshall University here in Miami. The CUSA Tournament lasts from Nov. 3 to Nov. 9, a time to make the necessary push for a NCAA Tournament berth.

University to host the Miss Universe Pageant

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As a “World’s Ahead” University, hosting the pageant will gain attention from many across the globe in the next few months.

“We’re going to worldwide exposure. They’re running a commercial for us during the pageant,” said Garcia. “This is great exposure for an international university in an international event.”

Since 1960, Miami has hosted the pageant 15 times—more than any other host city in the world. Miami wanted to host the pageant in the past, but lost its bid to Columbia in 2013 to Russia.

Two years later, it was Doral’s turn.

“Even as one of the newest cities in Miami, Doral is a premier place to live, work and play due to its beautiful lifestyle and entrepreneurial opportunities,” said Paula Shugart, president of the Miss Universe Organization.

Shugart continued, “Since the Greater Miami area is a melting pot of people from all over the world, our contestants will feel right at home as they showcase what the area has to offer. I cannot think of a better backdrop in January than sunny Miami for our global telecast.”

Middlefield Nicholas Midttun sprints with the ball at the game against University of Alabama at Birmingham on Sept. 27. Next game is on Wednesday, Oct. 8 against the University of South Carolina.
Housing construction left up to Board of Governors

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Workshops teaching journalism students, University alumni and community members tools of online marketing and web coding continue.

Last Saturday, Oct. 4, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication hosted a Social Media 2: Analytics workshop to show students how to effectively use social media.

Lower workshops on Oct. 25 and Nov. 8, between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., will teach attendees how to create interactive content using HTML5, CSS3, and other web programming languages.

Moses Shumow, an SJMC assistant professor, said social media has broadened our ability to network with people. Shumow said, on a cultural level, even where social hierarchies are active, Twitter users may have 5,000 followers, but celebrities will have more.

The system has changed from one-to-many to a more direct relationship between the “many” and the media that is actually produced. Shumow said companies like WhatsApp, with zero revenue, can now sell for billions of dollars.

“With Facebook, people have more friends than they could ever have before. The majority of students would believe, ‘Oh, it’s just running a Facebook page. I can do that,’” said Rosario. But he said the workshops will teach students otherwise.

Each workshop is $99 for University students, while FIU Alumni pay $199 and the general public pay $299. The price is what some students are preventing them from attending.

“As a student, I might be a little bit more wary of spending $199 on the four workshops,” said Tomas Calderon, a freshman in International Business. "If I wasn’t a student, I wouldn’t pay for it because it’s too much money for the general public.”

Shumow added, “I think these workshops are important in terms of hand-on skills,” he said. "They will show how to network with people. Three hundred forty-four students lived in the Bay Vista complex before it closed in May, but Santana-Bravo said only 48 of the students displaced received priority housing at the modesto Maidique Campus. According to Santana-Bravo.

“Of all of them were not going to come back because some were graduating,” said Santana-Bravo. RaShonda Jackson, a senior broadcast media major who lived at Bay Vista until it closed, said she planned to graduate next semester -- long before the new housing at BBC is completed -- but the move was an inconvenience.

After she was set to move to MMC, Jackson received an email notifying her that financial aid would not cover housing costs. “Basically, they said I had to pay out-of-pocket,” said Jackson. Even with priority registration, Jackson said she couldn’t move to MMC due to the spike in costs for a two-bedroom unit. Jackson now commutes from her home in West Little River.

When she called the University to ask about the issue, they told her there was nothing they could do.

“I never had this problem at BBC,” said Jackson.

Y. Trihn, a senior chemistry major, said she moved out of MMC housing this semester because it was too expensive for a student only taking two classes. Trihn now commutes to MMC from her home in Sunrise.

“I don’t need to pay $40,000 more for six credits,” said Trihn.

Online programming and coding workshops teach the importance of online networking to students, community