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University pioneers new loan program

Government-funded initiative offers flexible payment options

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Students with a need for financial aid may now borrow directly from the government, as the University has just enrolled in the Federal Direct Student Loan Program.

The FDSLP is a newer, federally operated loan program that allows students a number of options when it comes to borrowing and paying back money for a college education.

The FDSLP, where the federal government is the lender, is a recent switch from the University’s former financial aid program, the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), which many universities still utilize and where banks are the lenders.

The new student loan program offers subsidized loans, unsubsidized loans, Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) loans and loan consolidation.

Among the advantages of switching to FDSLP are faster award disbursements, expanded repayment options and pushing FIU ahead of political currents in Washington. Francisco Valiñas, director of the financial aid department, explained that under FDSLP, the institutions disbursing the loans are responsible for withdrawing funds, as opposed to FFELP protocol, in which banks send funds to the institutions. “This makes a faster turnaround to pay students,” Valiñas said.

FDSLP is also the only loan program that offers loan consolidation. With the consolidation program, students in heavy debt can stretch-out payment over longer periods of time. If students have borrowed from multiple sources, they can consolidate their payments into a single.

SFC-MC

Lack of attendance may result in firings

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Anthony Rionda, president of Student Government Council at Ma dyeque Campus, held a cabinet meeting to address problems with attendance and the creation of a new position.

At the meeting, held on July 8, Rionda outlined a white board what it meant to be a cabinet member.

On one side of a chart he listed the good qualities of a cabinet member that included doing their jobs, attending meetings and working office hours on behalf of SGA.

The other side of the chart was simply not doing those things. “People who have chronically not attended meetings will be fired this week,” said Rionda at the meeting. “People who have chronically not done their jobs will also be fired.”

Of the seven cabinet meetings held by the current administration, nine members had missed more than half of the meetings, according to the official meetings’ minutes. Two members missed all seven, another two missed six, two missed five and three missed four.

“These meetings aren’t supposed to be boring,” Rionda said. “What I want these meetings to be is where we can exchange ideas.”

Rionda also told his cabinet that if someone was not attending because of class schedule they would be asked to step down.

“We have asked [for the cabinet] not to take certain classes during this time,”
New stadium creates jobs

Managers working on the new stadium for the Florida Marlins are beginning to hire workers to help with construction.

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NEW ON CAMPUS

BLENDING IN: The new Jamba juice franchise will be located in the Graham Center’s first floor, in front of the bookstore. According to the construction is “25 percent completed” and on schedule to open in the fall semester.

College starts new branding campaign

FIU

Maidique may receive double of promised bonus

Outgoing University President Modesto A. Maidique may receive a $1,000,000 bonus up from the originally proposed $500,000.

According to The Miami Herald, the Board of Trustees’ compensation subcommittee gave Maidique a “superior rating” and, as a result, moved to double his bonus.

This rating was given based on Maidique’s 22 years of service to the University and his efforts with regards to both the College of Law and the College of Medicine. His current salary is $478,000 per year.

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Funding for education underway

Possible new position to oversee bills’ language

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paying.

“It’s very convenient to manage,” Valines said.

Valines explained there are also cancellation options that allow students to go into public service partial debt forgiveness.

According to Valines, students who are interested in the program must fill out an online entrance interview, which can be found on the FIU financial aid page’s navigation bar.

Students must also accept their awards online via MyFIU. And an annual Federal Student Aid (FASFA) renewal is also required.

Valines stressed the importance for students currently receiving financial aid to bring themselves up-to-date with the new loan program.

“Students who are already receiving financial aid must fill out the master promissory note again, since it is for the new federal program,” Valines said.

The switch to FDLSP is a crucial move to keep FIU ahead of the game. According to President Obama’s campaign Web site, one of his running platforms was the elimination of subsidies to student loan providers.

The establishment of the FDLSP was a key move in accomplishing this, as the federally operated loan program effectively cuts private lenders from the process.

By getting on board early, FIU not only sees the benefits of a federally operated loan program but also already passed a hurdle all universities will have to pass should Obama’s elimination of the FFELP pass.
SGC-BBC has full council for first time in years

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The Student Government Council-Biscayne Bay Campus senate unanimously voted to approve three new members, making it the first time in years the organization has had a full council.

“In the 13 years I’ve worked here, I can’t even remember the last time there were justices on SGC-BBC,” said Rafael Zapata, assistant director of Campus Life & Orientation. “This is the first time they’ve appointed justices in a long time, so this is actually an improvement.”

Flora Madriz, Jermaine English and Tanha Dil were appointed as the new SGC-BBC justices on July 1. As members of the SGC-BBC judicial branch, the justices’ main responsibility is to safeguard the constitution and interpret it, as well as decide the constitutionality of laws, according to Sholom Neistein, SGC-BBC president.

Among the many duties of the appointed council members, the goal is marketing events to students, according to Neistein.

“We are trying to ensure student participation transpires,” Neistein said.

As a new justice, Madriz hopes to uphold the constitution, contribute to BBC’s growth and remain as unbiased as possible—“an essential quality for anyone working in SGA,” Madriz said.

“I do believe that with a strong foundation, a document would need only be changed with the development of the council,” Madriz said.

Although Madriz, a senior public relations major, has no previous judicial experience, she is confident about succeeding in her new position.

“I am one of my abilities and I know that in time the council will be proud of their decision,” Madriz said.

Like Madriz, English has never held a position as a justice or worked with SGC, but he does know how the judicial system operates.

“I have taken numerous constitutional and judicial process courses to be able to know how the justice system functions,” said English, a senior political science major.

English is certain he will be able to accomplish existing goals and relieve the chief justice’s workload, which is the primary reason the senate decided to elect the new members.

During the initial interview, the justices presented their goals to council members and were asked to wait outside until the senators collected their votes. Although the senators deliberated between themselves, none of the justices were asked follow-up questions.

“I was nervous and I mentally prepared myself to answer any questions,” said Dil. “My only concern was that the council did not further inquire about what I would accomplish with my new position.”

Dil, a senior public relations major, has been a graphic artist for Campus Life & Orientation for the past three years. Prior to elections, she was constantly attending SGA meetings.

“I’m bringing forth issues and concerns not just from the perspective of a justice, but also from the point of view of a concerned student,” Dil said.

As a new justice, Dil wants to create an ethnic and social relations committee, as well as a BBC radio station.

“We have a plethora of culture and religion among our student body, and I wish to bring that forward during various BBC events on campus,” Dil said.

With the elections behind them, the justices must now be watchful of all council members, Neistein said.

“They are the guardians of the constitution,” said Neistein. “They have a hold and power over it.”

Additional reporting by Daiana Kuczanski.

YEARNING FOR YOGA

Send letters to the SPC-BBC office in Campus Life, WUC 141C, or e-mail Melissa Binns at Melissa.binns@fiu.edu

SCPC hopes to attract more students with Summer Splash

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With the end of its recruitment drive, the Student Programming Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus still hopes to attract new members by hosting a welcoming event this Summer term.

SPC-BBC currently has 25 members, but Melissa Desrameaux, vice president and a senior public relations major, hopes to increase that number to 50 by the end of the summer.

“There are a lot of [incoming] eager freshmen,” Desrameaux said. “A lot of students will see that joining SPC could supplement their majors.”

SPC-BBC hosted SPC Recruitment Day on July 9 in Panther Square. The event was free for students and featured free food, henna tattoos, games and giveaways.

About 100 people attended the event, but only four applied, according to Desrameaux.

SPC-BBC will also host a Summer Splash on July 23 at the Aquatic Center from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. according to Alia Silvers, SPC-BBC treasurer.

“It’s a welcoming summer event that was supposed to be done earlier, but because of some complications with the reservation of the pool, we couldn’t do it,” said Silvers, a senior public relations major.

SPC-BBC currently has 10 open unappointed co-chair positions for the Fall Fest, Hispanic Heritage, Homecoming, Affair of the Arts, Pan-African Heritage Celebration, One World Celebration, Women’s Celebration, Spring Fling, Marketing/Recruitment and Special Events committees.

“We are looking for lively, funny and responsible students,” Desrameaux said.

You have to have a lot of dedication for this because it’s going to test your determination,” said Binns. “It’s a great position for your resume.”

According to its constitution, SPC is responsible for planning events for students, such as comedy shows, lectures, movies, dance lessons, homecoming dances and concerts.

The organization is funded by the Student Government Association, co-sponsors and donations from neighborhood businesses.

Any student interested in becoming a member of SPC can fill out an application at the SPC-BBC office located inside the Office of Campus Life and Orientation.

All students interested in organizing an event, such as a lecture or dance, can go to SPC-BBC for possible funding and other resources. The majority of these events are always free to students and open to the public.

PETRA HAVEN, SPC-BBC president and a senior marketing major, hopes the new members will be able to continue the organization’s objectives.

“My goal is that SPC grows,” said Melissa Binns, SPC-BBC secretary and a senior public relations major. “When we leave, we want to still see the traditions that we built and see SPC as a strong, committed organization with activities for BBC.”

SPC-BBC executive board members encourage all students to participate in the organization because it could contribute to their majors and resumes.

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WARRIOR STANCE: Enidra Porter, a junior nursing major, demonstrates a variation of the Warrior Two pose. Classes are offered by the Recreation Center at various times throughout the week. For more information, call 305-919-4595.

SERGIO MONTEALEGRE / THE BEACON
University BOT’s generosity ‘ill-conceived’

While acknowledging Mr. Maidique’s contribution to FIU, I find the largesse of a $100,000 bonus to be ill-conceived and lacking in the common sense one assumes board members hold in ample abundance.

One had hoped that Mr. Maidique’s paltry half-million dollar salary would soften his hard landing into retirement. And all this time, I foolishly assumed educators found their worth from the intrinsically and intangible joy of broadening eager minds. I was assured that educators shared a love for teaching that was not overwhemed by love for one’s self.

Correction: it is the Board of Trustees who are showing the love – or rather, the money. Somehow, the timing bothers me.

My hope is that followers of the Dalai Lama inform him of the Board’s generosity. Being a man of his word, the check from His Holiness will, I’m sure, arrive as promised.

And, if His Holiness has a sense of humor, he’ll chalk this up as a new wrinkle in “zero-sum” equations.

Still, I’m troubled, and not a little outraged.

Indeed, perhaps being so generous with the University’s endowment, the respected members of the Board of Trustees will be so moved with the “wonderfulness” of President Maidique, that each member will reach into his or her own bank account, and, with unbounded joy, show him that your love and appreciation come not only from your hearts – but from your pockets.

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BONUS BLUES

While it is common for outgoing university presidents to receive bonuses before ceding power, with the University’s financial climate dire straits, the money is needed elsewhere.

Last year, the University faced the worst budget crisis in its history, which led to the closure of many degree programs.

FIU is not the only victim: the entire state of Florida faces financial troubles. This month, it was announced that the Florida Bright Futures scholarship program, which is funded by the state’s lottery, will undergo some cutbacks. Some recipients of the scholarship will no longer receive stipends to cover textbook costs.

Students are well aware of the economic downfall, especially with tuition skyrocketing. To witness a University president being offered $100,000 only serves as a slap in the face.

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, Maidique earned more than $462,000 in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Maidique also received approximately $40,000 in retirement, a $50,000 performance bonus and an expense account – bringing his total compensation to roughly $562,000.

According to a severance deal brokered by the BOT in November, Maidique is due to receive his original salary for five years after he steps down from the presidency.

But, the Dalai Lama donated exactly $100,000 in order to save the University’s religious studies program from closure. Though the FIU Foundation can dispense funds to which it holds the cause it deems fit, $100,000 could easily save our University’s cheerleaders for at least a year.

Maidique’s rating of “superior” may have been warranted, given his extensive service to FIU, but with such a package already established, his outgoing bonus seems superfluous.

Bernie Machen, president of the University of Florida, recently forfeited his bonus of $285,000 after it was approved by UF’s Board of Trustees to be given to Athletics in trouble, I think it’s a democracy.

On June 28 the Honduran military arrested the sitting president of the country, Manuel Zelaya, and quietly – if not forcibly – expelled the now-ex-president to Costa Rica, placing interim President Roberto Micheletti in his place.

For South America, this sounds like government as usual; one military-backed group seizing power from another corrupt government party, all the while paying lip-service to some convenient beneficent purpose like God’s will, the protectoriat, or the other side looking funny. Bloodshed usually ensues and nothing changes.

This is what makes the Honduran “coup” so interesting; it was done for democratic purposes, completely in line with the laws of the land. The military’s actions were designed to deter the rise of another Castro or Chavez, not create one of their own.

They wanted to keep their country as a democracy.

Zelaya was in the midst of attempting to amend the constitution in such a way as to unlawfully extend his presidency. This is expressly forbidden in Honduras’ constitution; you may not amend the country’s borders, or the laws that limit a president to two terms.

The constitution cannot be changed and the goes even further – if a president even attempts to change the laws it qualifies as treason, the charges Zelaya faces. These laws are ironclad to the Hondurans and so seriously interpreted because of the country’s long history with dictators, military takeovers and the conflicts that succeed them.

This is why both the Honduran Supreme Court and the country’s attorney general, Luis Alberto Rubi ordered Zelaya’s arrest, to prevent the rise of a dictator who disrespects constitutional law.

It’s worth noting Zelaya is also a close ally of Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez. Chavez and Zelaya go so far as to send a plane to Zelaya during his feckless attempt to return to Honduras post-ejection. (Birds of a feather do flock together.)

So while the U.N., the U.S. and various other governments and governmental agencies might condemn Honduras’s actions, I do not. This is why a Separation of Powers exists in any democracy. It’s an action any Founding Father could be proud of, Jefferson himself said, “The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time, with the blood of tyrants.”

The Hondurans were just a bit more peaceful about it than Jefferson.

Instead of using an ice-pick in some Trotsky-like fashion, the Hondurans did the best thing – they gave him a one-way ticket to Costa Rica.

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Energy efficient dryers sacrifice hygiene

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In an effort to be more health conscious and energy efficient, the University has placed Dyson Airblades, a new innovative type of hand dryer, in the Graham Center restrooms.

The hand dryers are specifically designed to dry a pair of moist hands in "about 12 seconds," according to the company's website.

"You put your hands under other dryers, rub them a bit, then give up and wipe your hands on your trousers. It's something that's always annoyed me," said famed inventor Sir John Dyson, referring to conventional, warm air dryers.

The way the Airblade works is very complex. Using "patented dyson technology" too magical to put into words, the Airblade forces washroom air through razor thin openings creating a high-speed sheet of air traveling at more than 400 mph.

The Airblade also runs on 80 percent less energy.

According to the company's website, "22 people can dry their hands using a Dyson Airblade hand dryer for the price of a single paper towel."

These dryers are not only designed to have you out of the bathroom quickly but, also, with the cleanest hands possible.

NSF International, a not-for-profit public health company, certifies the Airblade to be the "only cleanest hands possible."

The manufacturer's claim that the tested [jet air dryer] is the "most hygienic hand dryer" is confirmed, assuming that the term 'hand dryer' refers to electric devices only because its hygiene performance compared to paper towels was significantly worse in all respects," according to reports from the study.

Also, the study found the Dyson Airblade to be more likely to contaminate surrounding bathroom occupants than paper towels.

"The study shows that paper towels are likely to cause considerably less contamination of other users, as well as the washroom environment, than the jet air dryer which was shown in this study to disperse artificial hand contamination to a distance of at least two meters, well within the range of adjacent dryers observed in a real washroom."

The study went on to say that, in this particular case, Dyson's claim that this is the "most hygienic hand dryer" could not be confirmed because of its "potential for dispersing bacteria."

The final part of the report also noted the Dyson Airblade's ability to allow colonization of various forms of bacteria on its surface.

"The results show that jet air dryers can be colonized by bacteria and have the potential to transmit them to washroom users. Both the numbers and types of bacteria found to be contaminating the jet air dryers in this study are similar to those found associated with warm air dryers."

The study suggests that paper towels should be used in locations where hygiene is paramount.

This includes places such as hospitals, schools and places where food is handled or prepared.

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I'm not exactly an expert on hip hop.

Oh, I know more than enough for a white kid who spent the last 8 years living behind a gated community in Pembroke Falls, but my knowledge isn't the most extensive.

Still, it's a genre I find fascinating on a number of levels. The thing I find most interesting is how the stars of hip hop are aging, and how their legacies are changing.

When I saw the Beastie Boys in June at the Bonnaroo music festival, another legend of hip hop, Nas, joined them on stage. The next day, Public Enemy played a late night set, performing the entirety of their 1987 album, It Takes A Nation of Millions To Hold Us Back.

Seeing those three artists over the course of about 24 hours surrounded by tens of thousands of sweaty, dazed hipsters got me thinking about the future of hip hop.

Not necessarily the future of hip hop in the sense of the future of the music itself, since I wouldn't pretend to be able to predict how a genre evolves. Did anyone except maybe T-Pain think that cold, robotic singing would become the biggest trend in hip hop over the last year and a half? Rather, it got me thinking about how the legends of the genre will adapt to future changes in music-making.

In Nas, Public Enemy and the Beastie Boys, you've got well over 50 years combined as active performers, and they've all evolved in very different ways – in both their own styles as well as the public's perception of them.

Had Jay-Z been at Bonnaroo as well, you might've been able to cover the entire spectrum of hip hop's progression into old age in one weekend.

More so than Nas, the Beastie Boys and Public Enemy represent hip hop's old guard; both groups have been around for well over two decades and have had more critical acclaim heaped on them than about anyone else in the genre.

However, how the two bands have developed, and even where they are now, represent two very different paths.

The Beastie Boys were always more approachable, seeming like harmless stoners next to the more confrontational, aggressive Public Enemy.

In the early parts of their careers, Public Enemy always had more critical success; while the three nasally-voiced Beastie Boys were fighting for their right to party and singing about Sam the butcher bringing Alice the meat (anick), Chuck D, Flavor Flav, Professor Griff and the Bomb Squad were singing about Louis Farrakhan and crack in the ghettos.

However, as their careers progressed, the militant views of Public Enemy pushed them off the margins while the Beastie Boys managed to evolve into a respected musical trio, alternating their signature rapping style with an increasing emphasis on instrumental and musicality.

When the two bands performed at the festival, the Beastie Boys were given top billing and a headlining set right before Phish, while Public Enemy was viewed as something of a curiosity by many in attendance except for real fans. Many at the festival were more interested in catching a glimpse of Flavor Flav's Viking helmet and oversized necklaces than in anything the band had to say.

Of course, since those who make the music were intensely interested in seeing Public Enemy perform their landmark album, and unforgivably for many they were seemingly reduced to a sideshow, while their contemporaries who were viewed as somewhat of a disappointment in the day were viewed as legitimate musicians.

About halfway through their set, when Nas came on stage to perform a previously unreleased song from the new Beastie Boys album, he immediately went to what has become his current obsession: decrying the current state of hip hop.

Much like an aging hippie who claims that music just "isn't the same as it was then, man," Nasir Jones has made it a point to turn himself into a voice of a generation.

On his last album, he compared himself to Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan and Billy Joel, and he released an album titled Hip Hop Is Dead in 2006.

While Nas has to be commended for making it his stated goal to improve the overall quality of the genre while simultaneously making "important" statements, he is running the risk of becoming a caricature of himself before long, and it would be a shame if that was to become his enduring image.

Hip hop, like rock and roll in the early days, has been a young man's game, and as these three artists begin to reach what might be the twilight of their respective careers, it is interesting to see where they are, how today's and tomorrow's artists might evolve in their images.
Yasumicon offered FIU students an opportunity to show off their inner "character." Starting on July 11 and ending on July 12, Yasumicon took place at the Modique Campus with events going on in the Graham Center and the Green Library.

GC offered Yasumicon attendees the opportunity to meet other people dressed as their favorite anime or video game personalities, while registering for the various events that were being offered.

Once registration was out of the way attendees were encouraged to head over to Fresh Food’s annex to the Epic Sugarworks Maid Café for a bite to eat and something to drink.

The café aimed to create a fun atmosphere with a fully costumed head-mistress, innkeeper and waitress-maids. In the GC Ballrooms guests could find merchandise from their favorite anime, Japanese food and music for sale and plenty of rick rolls.

The Green Library offered concerts and costume play also known as “cosplay” on stage, where anime devotees dressed up in costumes improvised in character in front of a live audience.

Each building offered students many activities providing those in attendance an opportunity to get lost in a fantasy world.
Bystic taking ‘humble’ route toward the NFL

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Through the program’s social networking Web site, rightpath.siu.edu, student athletes can share and give advice to one another. Bostic also works with high school students by holding semi-

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Bostic finding his answers on, off field

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Last summer, Alexander Bostic III was going door-to-door selling cell phone packages in the sweltering Miami heat when he asked himself an important question: “What am I doing?”

And that’s when he decided to quit his job as an AT&T sales rep and go back to playing football.

After graduating from FIU in 2006 and not getting drafted into the NFL, Bostic has watched life take him in various directions.

While former teammate Antwan Barnes is making millions of dollars and rushing New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady for the Baltimore Ravens, Bostic is making $800 per month selling cell phones and has a nice touch while extending over defenders inside,” Rankin said on ESPN.com. “Bostic also has great hands as he catches tough passes in traffic and either scores or draws fouls.”

Bostic landed a job at Beacon Hill Preparatory School in Miami Gardens as a physical education teacher for a year. While teaching kids how to exercise, Bostic felt his students were giving him a life lesson of his own.

“It’s very humbling. Kids ask questions that get you thinking, ‘Did you play football and why weren’t you good enough?’ It really makes you question yourself,” Bostic said.

But then, Bostic began to measure his level of success differently after reading How to Make Friends and Influence People.

“You have to get away from trying to be important. A lot of people go through life measuring their success on being important. So once I humbled myself, I began to live day by day,” Bostic said.

Bostic wants to share his wisdom with other student athletes through a non-profit organization he’s established called Right Path which helps student athletes by promoting education, character and college preparation.

New recruits spark team competition

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Coming off a record 28-win season, the Golden Panthers volleyball team is ready to welcome in five freshmen to help them set a new mark.

For the first time under head coach Danijela Tomic, the recruiting class is composed of all freshmen players as opposed to incoming transfers from other universities.

Senior libero Nina Colon says the most important part of having an all-freshmen class is the challenge it brings to the girls on the current roster.

“It gives us a run for our money,” she said. “These girls are good, and they want to learn and get better and it makes the girls from last year have to protect their positions.”

Junior middle blocker Sabrina Gonzalez knows the competition will heat up with new talent added to the team.

Hope Williams, Jovana Bjelica and Marija Prsa are the three outside hitters of the 2009 class. Williams and Bjelica each stand at 5-foot-10 while Prsa is 5-foot-11.

Lisa Hooey is a 6-foot-3 middle blocker and Chanel Araujo is a 5-foot-6 libero.

“Of these four, their powder is going to be redshirted, and they’re going to get playing time, so we have to make sure we play well throughout the year,” Colon said.

Head coach Tomic said she expects some of these freshmen to be redshirted, and they’re going to get playing time, so we have to make sure we play well throughout the year.

“The big stage of the year,” Colon said.