**BBC Administration**

**Abrupt departure paves way for change**

**PAMELA DUQUE**
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After the departure of two University officials, Joseph J. West, the Biscayne Bay Campus vice provost, announced his unexpected resignation.

West, who was also the former dean of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, announced his resignation from both positions five months after agreeing to stay as vice provost until August 2010. The announcement was made through a University-wide e-mail sent June 11.

“After 10 years as dean, a return to the faculty is too tempting to further postpone,” said Douglas Waritsok, interim provost and executive vice president, about West in the e-mail. “Accordingly, he has indicated that he will step down from both positions on July 1, 2009 and take his long-delayed sabbatical during the 2009-10 year.”

In an interview with The Beacon, West said his decision followed the resignation of the two administrators who initially asked him to delay his sabbatical. He tried to resign a year ago, but when a national search failed to produce a viable candidate, West told then Provost Ronald Berkman that he would stay until reconfirmation of HTM was complete.

“Then things changed. Berkman left, we had a new president coming in, and I just decided that I would step down,” West said.

Berkman applied for the University’s presidency and withdrew his application in April. Two weeks later, Vivian Novoa resigned from her position as chief financial officer.

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**SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE**

**Manrara eliminated from dance competition**

Jeanette Manrara, one of the last eight contestants on “So You Think You Can Dance” was eliminated on Thursday along with Jason Glover after viewers gave them the least amount of votes.

“It was a big shock for me to be eliminated since I had received good commentary throughout the season,” said Manrara, a finance major.

“It really liked when Nigel Lythgoe said that it had ruined his 100th episode seeing me eliminated, he really wanted to see me win.”

Manrara, who came back to Miami on July 22...
Florida will begin its two-day lobster mini-season this week.

The mini-season will last from 12:01 a.m. July 29 to Thursday, July 30 at midnight.

According to CBS4, lobster mini-season leads to higher than usual activity in Florida’s coastal waterways as boaters and divers will be searching for the perfect catch.

“Despite the season this week, the entire University community was invited to Modesto Maidique Campus to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the groundbreaking of the BSG to replace Maidaic. His term starts on August 4.

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New campus vice provost announces future goals

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with them. We were a good team, and I made a promise to them, and then they turned around and left,” said West. “So I decided it was time for me to leave.”

West also said that if both Sanchez and Benedict had stayed, he would still be holding his positions.

“I would’ve stayed, because I promised them I would,” West said. “I’m a man of my word.”

Since July 1, the vice provost position has been filled by a faculty member of HTM.

Steven Moll, associate professor and faculty chair in HTM, agreed to serve as interim vice provost.

Moll has been a professor of accounting, finance, operations management, and management for the past 32 years, with a bachelor’s degree in hotel administration, and a master’s in hotel and food service management from the University, he is no stranger to the school.

“When I started here, BBC didn’t exist. FIU was two years old,” Moll told The Beacon. “I’ve witnessed it from birth until today.”

Moll was also the director of the College of Business Administration at BBC.

“As the vice provost, I look at my job as being the thread that ties us all together to make a beautiful cloth,” said Moll. “I’m excited about the future, and I think it is an extraordinary challenge for me. I want to show the University administration that they made a good choice, and that the students and staff and faculty will all find this a better place to study and to work.”

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“Here I was able to come in and take giant steps to a loss of privacy,” said Rafael Angel, a senior English major. “I don’t run red lights because it is dangerous.”

Traffic lights near campus outfitted with cameras

IVAN FLORES

Students who run red lights on their way to campus may now get caught, get their pictures taken and receive a fine of more than $100 in the mail.

The City of North Miami enacted its Red-Light Safety Camera Program at the entrance of the Biscayne Bay Campus, where cameras can capture drivers running red lights.

Cameras have been installed at the intersection of Biscayne Boulevard and 151st St, and drivers who run red lights may face $125 fines.

“That is a slippery slope to a loss of privacy,” said Rafael Angel, a senior English major. “I don’t run red lights because it is dangerous.”

“Lights, camera, busted!”

But there are students who don’t mind the new cameras.

“I feel that the cameras are a necessary evil and they prevent people from running the lights,” said Maria Santella, a senior anthropology major.

American Traffic Solutions, a company that has installed almost 1,000 cameras around the country, installed cameras in the intersection of Biscayne Boulevard and 151st St., which is currently under the jurisdiction of the North Miami Police, the North Miami Beach Police and the Miami Dade Police Department, according to Kevin Kennison, a police officer for the City of North Miami.

The Red-Light Safety Camera Program was started by former City of North Miami Mayor Kevin Bilney, as well as the North Miami Police Department.

The active warning phase, during which warnings were issued to offenders rather than citations, ended July 21.

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BLINDED BY SCIENCE

CHEMICAL REACTION: Priscilla Torres, president of the BBC Science Club and an engineering major, performs an experiment with water, oil and baking soda tables at the SOC Club Fair hosted on July 22.

With the sudden resignation of Joseph West as dean and vice provost for the Biscayne Bay Campus, the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management has a new leader.

Joan Remington, former associate dean of HTM, is the new interim dean as of July 1.

Remington has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Hawaii in Manoa, and a doctorate from Williamette University’s College of Law in Salem, Oregon. She has worked for the University since 1990, first as a visiting professor in marketing and travel law in HTM, and then as director of career development. She has been associate dean of HTM since July 2005.

“I chose her as an assistant dean and then as associate dean. She has worked with me for six years, and she has been my right hand,” West said. “That school is in good hands.”

As the new interim dean, Remington says she is looking forward to expanding the school, creating new international programs and increasing the student body.

“Takwen coming it one step at a time,” she said. “Let’s see how it goes.”

With her predecessor leaving, Remington said she will continue working and maintaining what West accomplished throughout the years.

West became dean of HTM on July 1, 1999. He said he found a school that lacked equipment, money and history. As dean, his job was to bring the school into the public eye, improve its reputation and make it economically independent of state funds.

“The school was changing from a young to an old school. It didn’t have a lot of money, it didn’t have a lot of history, young alumni, and nobody in FIU was used to giving money,” said West. “So when I came in, I said it was time to get really active and not depend on the state. It needed money, so that was my task: bring the curriculum up to date and make the school self-sufficient.”

During his 10-year term, HTM raised more than $2.9 million through the South Beach Wine and Food Festival, where students and faculty cooked and mingled with celebrity chefs from the Food Network.

Another accomplishment during West’s tenure was the Marriott Tianjin China Program, a partnership between FIU and China. In August 2006, West pushed for the partnership, and the University now has the largest international program in China. The government of China agreed to build a $50 million University center in the northeast of the country, which became the first U.S. School of Hospitality and Tourism in Tianjin, China.

West said he has a lot to be proud of during his time as dean.

“We got 1,200 students in China. We are the largest American university in China,” West said. “Here I was able to come in and take giant steps to make it better than it was.”

Remington believes her job as associate dean prepared her for her position as interim dean, not only because she worked closely with West, but also because of her time in the school.

“I worked very well with Dean West. He gave me a lot of respect as associate dean,” Remington told The Beacon. “And I’ve been here for 20 years. It’s easy for me to move to the position, and it’s a wonderful opportunity. I’m looking forward to the challenges I’m facing and the contributions I can make.”
Online music pirating will not be deterred

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The Swedish software firm Global Gaming Factory X is in the process of purchasing the previously illegal file-sharing Web site known as The Pirate Bay in an attempt to turn it into a profitable business. Global Gaming Factory X Chief Executive Hans Pandey told the Associated Press that the firm is planning to introduce a monthly fee to use the Web site that could be worked off by the additional content and lending storage capacity to others on their PCs.

The money received from monthly fees would then be given to both the content providers and copyright holders.

“We know that unless we’re able to create revenues for the filesharers they’ll just move on to the next free site,” he said. “Filesharers are our best friends.”

As a friend to many who are involved in file-sharing and illegal downloads, I know this will never work. If there was a way for the users to make money from selling content or storage on the Web site, this plan could possibly work. However, can filesharers make money by providing content that they don’t have the authority to provide in the first place.

This plan just doesn’t make any sense. It would only work if there was a way to get rid of all of the illegal file-sharing Web sites and crack down on the majority of illegal downloaders. That way, everyone would be forced to pay the monthly fee for the products that they desire or share storage space instead of paying a monthly fee.

It is also not the first time that an illegal file-sharing Web site has been made to collapse under the weight of corporate interests, or the legal impetus to make its business legitimate. File-sharing Web sites like Napster, Grokster and Kazaa all suffered this same fate.

According to an article from The Economic Times, the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, an organization that represents the interests of the recording industry worldwide, suggested in a report conducted in January of this year that 95 percent of all music downloads remain illegal.

So, despite the crackdown on file-sharing Web sites and the creation of legal alternatives, the amount of illegal downloading remains high. Until a way to eliminate illegal downloading from the internet is found, there will always be another Pirate Bay or Kazaa lurking in the corner and waiting to become the next largest illegal file-sharing Web site. None of these legal formats will ever be able to convince pirates to change their ways.

Microsoft plays up affordability in anti-Mac commercials

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Dependable favorites keep the tour’s punk spirit alive

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“Passion before Fashion” was printed on a T-shirt at Warped Tour, and it pretty much summed up this year’s festival.

On July 25, with heavy rain clouds looming in the distance, the tour made its yearly visit at the Cruzan Amphitheatre, bringing with it a diverse group of punk/indie/dance/(and sort of odd) rock music.

Upon entering the venue, it was apparent that many bands as well as concertgoers on this year’s tour stuck by this principle. Having just missed the heavy downpour of rain that brought the festival to a short stop, there was no problem spotting the attendees who were there to hold up an image of “cool and hipster” apart from those who wanted to enjoy a good old punk rock show regardless of their appearance.

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University alumnus.

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ALL THE WAY

Heat continues to pursue Odom; Moon to Cavaliers

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Free-agent forward Lamar Odom has yet to make a decision on where he’ll be playing next season, but the 10-year veteran is supposedly leaning toward coming back to Miami, where he spent the 2003-2004 season. According to an article on Yahoo! Sports, Odom is “leaning strongly toward accepting the Miami Heat’s contract offer and leaving the Los Angeles Lakers.”

The news comes after the Los Angeles Lakers withdrew their four-year, $36 million deal. The Heat is currently offering the forward a five-year, $34 million deal. One FIU student doesn’t think Odom joining the Heat would help the team. “They need someone who can score like [Dwyane] Wade. [Odom] doesn’t put up the numbers he should be,” said freshman political science major Garrett Cottom. But another student thinks Odom would be a good addition. “I think it’s not a bad idea. Odom is pretty talented. Maybe [Michael Beasley] can learn something from him,” said junior psychology major Eric Martinez.

Cavaliers sign Moon

Meanwhile, restricted free-agent Jamario Moon will be joining the Cleveland Cavaliers after the Heat decided not to match the Cavaliers’ contract offer. The Cavaliers used its mid-level exception – about $3.2 million – to sign the 6-foot-8 forward.

“We declined to match because we want to stay true to our plan of not adding salary to our 2010 cap, and matching it would have reduced our flexibility,” Heat president Pat Riley said in a statement to the Associated Press. “Michael Beasley will be getting significant minutes at both forward positions, and this opens up more opportunities for him to become the player we all expect him to be.”

The remaining forwards on the Heat’s roster include Beasley, Dorell Wright, Udonis Haslem, James Jones and Yakhouba Diawara. But Martinez doesn’t seem to like the thought of Beasley playing significant minutes. “I don’t like Beasley at all. I think he’s a ball hog,” he said. “But he’s still young. He has a lot to learn.”

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Wide receiver T.Y. Hilton, center Brad Serini, and cornerback Anthony Gaitor were selected to the 2009 Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference team, as voted on by the leagues nine head coaches and selected media members. Only Troy University and Arkansas State had more selections to the preseason team.

Hilton got the honor after a decorated freshman season in which he was named to the Freshman All-American team as a punt return specialist by the Football Writers Association of America. Hilton, who had an FIU record seven touchdown receptions last season, was the only sophomore named to the team. The 5-foot-10 athlete also got the nod as a special teams performer, as he accumulated more than 2,000 all-purpose yards in his first year. Gaitor and Serini were two of only five juniors to be selected, and Gaitor was the only defender listed who is not a senior.

Gaitor led all SBC players with four interceptions in conference play. He had five interceptions overall for the Golden Panthers, including two vs. Middle Tennessee State on Oct. 11. The former Miami Northwestern High star has started all but one game in his career.

Serini has been a starter for FIU since he arrived in 2007.

Troy led the way with eight selections, and ASU has five representatives. Quarterbacks Rusty Smith (FAU) and Corey Leonard (ASU) were tabbed as Co-Preseason Offensive Players of the Year, and ASU’s Alex Carrington was voted on as the preseason Defensive Player of the Year.

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TOP OF THEIR CLASS

- T.Y. Hilton
  Sophomore — Wide receiver, Special Teams
  Selected to All-Sun Belt Conference First Team last season.
  Set a school record for most receiving yards in one season (1,013). Finished last season in the top five in the NCAA for all-purpose yards.

- Anthony Gaitor
  Junior — Defensive back
  Selected to All-Sun Belt Conference First Team last season.
  Finished last season with five interceptions and 44 tackles.

- Brad Serini
  Junior — Center
  Has started all 24 games for FIU since 2007. Helped offense score 15 rushing TDs.

New economical approach goes well for Sun Belt

SERGIO BONILLA
Sports Director

In order to expand media exposure and save money during the economic recession, the Sun Belt Conference changed the football media day on July 20 to an online video format.

With public universities across the country trimming costs, the Sun Belt’s move to shift the format online was agreed upon a few months ago.

“We’ve been looking at the switch for a while now,” Sun Belt Commissioner Wright Waters told Student Media on July 27. “The reality is that we’re seeing a decline in the traditional media.”

Sun Belt spokesman John McElwain told the Associated Press the Sun Belt and its football programs likely saved more than $30,000 combined over last year’s event, which included not just travel to the Big Easy but receptions as well as a steamboat cruise on the Mississippi River.

In a phone interview with Student Media on July 27, McElwain said more than 50 reporters registered to cover the two days of media sessions online, compared to around 30 last summer at a downtown New Orleans hotel.

“The hope was that making it more convenient and less costly for the media might improve coverage for the Sun Belt, which began sponsoring Division I Football Bowl Subdivision programs in 2001.

Six of the conference’s nine football teams took part in online interviews on July 20, with the other three, including defending conference champions Troy, on July 21.

The conference also arranged for coaches to call into sports radio shows that might otherwise have recorded interviews in person had events been held in New Orleans.

The Sun Belt intends to use the same online format for basketball media days in the fall.

“We’re not sure if we’re going to include more sports,” McElwain said to Student Media.

The event was not without its glitches, however, as video and audio was interrupted from time to time.

When Golden Panthers head coach Mario Cristobal first began to speak, there was no video of him. When Louisiana-Lafayette coach Ricky Busiel appeared on screen, his lips moved but there was no sound.

While North Texas coach Todd Dodge spoke, a recorded message repeated several times in the background. Later, Mean Green linebacker Tobe Nwigwe could be seen shrugging his shoulders and sighing while a pulsating, static-like feedback overwhelmed the audio feed for about 30 seconds until conference operators broke in.

Waters was still pleased with the way the media day was conducted.

“I worked;” Waters said. “The reaction that we got from media and coaches has been positive.”

Still, the interview sessions of about a half hour for each team remained on schedule, with coaches and one player from each team speaking at length as they responded to questions about the coming season.

Several coaches agreed the format saved time, giving them about two more days to be on campus with their coaching staff and prepare for training camp when they might otherwise have been on the road.

Some coaches and players expressed disappointment over not going to New Orleans.

“The Daily Advertiser reported that Arkansas State coach Steve Roberts wished that his school’s player representative, defensive end Alex Carrington, had gotten the chance to eat the food in New Orleans. Carrington was sad that he missed out on that experience. “I would have liked to go down there [to New Orleans] and burn his pocket up a little bit,” Carrington told the Daily Advertiser. “But I do have business to tend to here, and it’s a little more efficient.”

The efficiency was appreciated by most of the league’s coaches.

“I think this is a great way to do it,” Louisiana-Monroe head coach Charlie Weatherbie said to the Associated Press. “We’re maybe