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**TEARFUL TRIBUTE**

President Mark Rosenberg asked the audience to join hands in solidarity against senseless violence during Kendall Berry’s Celebration of Life ceremony on March 29.

**Capacity crowd gathers to celebrate life of slain student**

**STEPHANIE GABRIEL**
Asst. Sports Director

Family, friends and teammates gathered to honor the life of FIU football player Kendall Berry on March 29 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

More than 1,000 chairs were set up, but it was not enough to accommodate the number of people who filled the arena to pay their respects to Berry, who was stabbed to death at the Modesto Maidique Campus on March 25.

The memorial was designed to celebrate the successes of Berry’s life rather than focus on the brutal way he was murdered. However, as songs such as “Amazing Grace”, played throughout the arena, the anger and sadness was evident.

“When you see the power, the emotion that’s in this room today, you see what you’re dealing with,” said FIU coach Mario Cristobal. “It’s a guy who was a difference-maker in all our lives.”

Cristobal went on to tell the story of when he first met Berry and his parents, in Haines City, FL, noting that the running back was very respectful and well-mannered. Meanwhile, Berry’s former academic advisor, Marcus Bright, spoke of Berry’s dedication to school and football, also adding that Berry would tell his teammates that it’s OK to walk away from a fight.

“He had a sense of urgency,” Bright said, his voice rising. “He has to be saying with the same sense of urgency today to all of us not to let his death be in vain.”

Roommate, teammate, and friend Marquis Rolle fought back tears as he stood on podium in front of his friend’s memorial to deliver his eulogy. “This is a difference-maker. Kendall was a guy who was a difference-maker in all our lives.”

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**Forum answers smoke-free campus concerns**

**MELODIA CACERES**
Staff Writer

The Smoke-Free Tobacco-Free campaign held its first open forum for students, faculty and staff to ask questions about the initiative to ban the use of tobacco products on campus.

A panel of University health professors and directors of the campaign were present with the goal of addressing concerns and listening to feedback about the proposed policy, which is currently set to begin July 1, 2010.

“We need to try and create a community dialogue,” said Dr. Richard Botelho, chair of the campaign committee and assistant dean at the College of Medicine who was the moderator of the forum.

“It’s only through engaging both sides of the constituency that one can really decide how to move forward,” he said.

Over 100 University members attended the event in the East Graham Center Ballroom, along with individuals in the Biscayne Bay Campus who were able to view and contribute to the discussion through a live Web cast.

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**SGC-BBC SENATE**

**Speaker accused of fraud**

**JASMYN ELIOTT**
BBC Managing Editor

Once known for his “by the book” approach to council proceedings, the speaker of the senate for the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus may soon be known for tampering with election ballots.

Nickolay Chikishev, who currently serves as the third speaker of the senate for the current SGC-BBC administration under President Sholom Neistein, aimed to interfere with voting procedures at the SGC-BBC elections on March 29.

In a mass e-mail sent to students within his business course, Chikishev solicited their University e-mail addresses and Panther ID numbers in order to submit ballots in favor of SGC-BBC presidential candidate Zahra Arbabi aski and SGC-BBC vice presidential candidate Tanha Dil.

Within the e-mail, Chikishev accused SGA of wasteful spending and promised that if Arbabi aski and Dil won the elections, he would work as treasurer to “actually provide students with tangible benefits.”

“I don’t think he realizes the severity of his actions,” said Keri Samuels, SGC-BBC elections commissioner.

Rafael Zapata, assistant director of Campus Life and Orientation, says that Chikishev’s actions came as a “big shock” to him, but that has not stopped him from taking action.

“I made it a point to set up a meeting with Nick as soon as possible so I could talk to him,” said Zapata. “I also alerted the judicial committee so they can decide how to handle it.”

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**SGC-MMC Election Debates**

**Attendance sparse at debate; weather blamed**

**PHILIPPE BUTEAU**  
Senior Staff Writer

Debates for Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus had lackluster attendance by both students and those running for a position.

The debates were held on March 29, the first day of voting, and co-sponsored by SGA and FIU Student Media.

The uncontested presidential and vice presidential candidates were in attendance.

Helena Ramirez, right, and Nick Autiello, left, field questions from Student Media and a debate audience March 29.

O’Keefe felt disappointed by the lack of participation by senators, but not students. “It’s really not really representative at students,” O’Keefe said.

O’Keefe added that he could understand if senators didn’t want to attend the debates because they might want to continue their campaigning.

Jose Toscano, SGC-MMC adviser, explained the low student participation by suggesting that students took notice of the untested races and decided to not attend.

“The big fight is for lower-division students might feel apathy,” Toscano said.

He also brought up external factors, the weather and the memorial service for Golden Parker running back Kendall Berry.

“Students might not be thinking about SGA at this point,” Toscano said.

He hoped the next day of voting would bring a higher volume of people.

During the debate, candidates fielded questions from Christy Flores, elections board commissioner, and Jorge Valens, Student Media news director.

Ramirez’ questions touched on topics such as transparency within SGA, academic advising and campus safety. The two lower-division senatorial candidates were asked to field more specific questions.

O’Keefe was asked about the separation of powers and how he would work to make the balance fairer. Ramirez was asked about her qualifications and how she would represent the interests of the undergraduate student demographics.

Ramirez said in meeting with academic advising they came to a conclusion that wherever there are a certain amount of students, such as Campus Life events, there should be academic advisors.

“I think that’s the problem with academic advising,” Ramirez said. “They’ve been set in one room and students don’t have the time to make their way there.”

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**On-campus smoking ban spreads mixed feelings throughout forum**

Christian militia accused of mass murder plot

Nine people belonging to a “Christian” warrior militia were accused on Monday of plotting to kill a Michigan law enforcement officer and then attack other police at the funeral.

According to CNN, a federal grand jury in Detroit, MI indicted the nine suspects on charges of violence, U.S. Attorney Barbara L. McQuade announced.

Christian militia accused of mass murder plot

Attorney General Eric Holder called it “an extraordinary case.”

He also brought up other police at the funeral.

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Joel Macarena Jimenez, one of the lower-division senatorial candidates, said to Student Media that although she heard the debates were postponed from their previous date of March 26 to a new date, she didn’t know when that would be until the day.

“I didn’t check my email until this morning and by the time I was done setting up for my campaigning, it was 11 a.m.,” Jimenez said.

Cristina Loreto, an Arts & Sciences senator running for an at-large seat, said she was working during that time and had class immediately after.

“I would have loved to be there but I took off from work on Friday and couldn’t take that time off again,” Loreto said.

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Despite accusations, Chikishev maintains innocence

GISELE ROBLES
Contributing Writer

Since 1988, the Biscayne Bay Campus Library has been home to thousands of books and a host of students looking for a quiet refuge to study.

Finally, the library is undergoing a much-deserved facelift with a series of reconstructions and remodeling projects. The Biscayne Bay Campus library as well as the Modesto Maidique Campus library will be undergoing some remodeling in the next four years," said Scott Kass, department head of Reader Services at BBC.

The library, according to Kass, will be remodeled to better accommodate the students including aesthetic changes with new lighting and cleaned carpets. Students will also have access to the new snack bar and a Starbucks coffee station.

"Implementing a Starbucks coffee stand was one of our main goals," said Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus President Sholom Neistein.

According to Neistein, $2 million from SGA budget was allocated toward the remodel, which he feels will benefit students.

"There was a lack of facilities for students. This will help students have something tangible nearby and have access to food and coffee to stay alert," he said.

The new snack bar, complete with sandwich, fruits, drinks, and an assortment of chips and candy is already completed and accessible to students.

"I was so happy to see it," Neistein said.

The information desk will also be changed to what Kass explains as "new information commons."

"It is a computer center where students may work in groups and have access to multimedia, moveable workstations, and white boards," said Sarah Hammill, distance learning librarian.

Additionally students will have comfy sofa chairs and couches which will replace the current desk chairs. Flat screen plasma and white boards will also be implemented so that students can rehearse their presentations and get together for group meetings.

Although the new changes seem to excite students, there are still some concerns about the modifications.

"The snack bar would be perfect because it is closer than the food court but the plasma TVs may undermine the main purpose of the library – reading," said Maria Massaro, junior and journalism major.

Kass is optimistic about the changes.

"This place will look like a mixture of your home living room, a lounge café, and a hotel lobby. We want students to feel comfortable and feel relaxed, maybe even to take a nap here," he said.

Additional reporting by Maureen Nino.

New technology, dining part of library remodeling process

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Concerned on how this may affect elections, Zapata also contacted the students e-mailed by Chikishev.

"We do not know how many students votes may have been compromised," Zapata said. "We do not have any numbers."

However, at the end of Chikishev’s e-mail, he confirms receiving the information of student.

"It doesn’t matter what he does with the information," said Arbabi aski. "He already has it."

Both Dil and Arbabi aski denied having any prior knowledge of Chikishev’s plans and have expressed deep disappointment. Dil referred to Chikishev’s actions as "selfish."

"It’s sad," said Dil. "This pushes back BBC’s progress."

"I am shook at what has happened, but also by who it came from – our senate and SGC-BBC overall."

Although contacted, Battle has chosen to remain neutral and has offered no comment.

In an interview with The Beacon, Chikishev denied any wrongdoing, citing that he would resign if he did not fulfill his ultimate intention was to boost voter turnout.

In retrospect, Chikishev admits that he was involved in this.

Additional reporting by Sergio Monteleone and Maureen Nino.
Uncontested SGA elections not fair to student body

DAVID BARRIOS
Opinion Editor

Bylaws or statutes, although difficult to change, can still be done in a timely fashion if the need arises. The same cannot be said about adding amendments to the constitution.

Ben F. Badger is a senior in liberal studies, and currently serves the FIU community as the SGC-MMC press secretary.
Marketing techniques aim to disguise dangerous drugs

ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ
Staff Writer

Nextia’s “The Purple Pill” and Nasonex’s Antonio Banderas’ bee – some prescription drugs have succeeded at separating themselves from the competition and the pharmaceutical industry has turned into a business that’s seemingly more about making money than making people better.

With their new exhibit and the whole country abuzz with talk of health care, the Wolfsonian-FIU invited Scott Piegrossi and Neil Flanzraich on March 26 for “A Prescription for Health.” The lecture coincided with the opening of the new gallery, Advertising for Health, located on the fifth floor of the museum.

The gallery is tiny, only a room with 20-25 works, if that. It displays advertisements for popular medicines as old as 125 years. Some were from Europe displaying popular politicians or social figures advertising the drugs, like the Patentie ad for Supreme Pills, a cough drop.

The ad used a popular satirical political poster of the time that depicted South Africa President Paul Kruger offering Great Britain’s Queen Victoria pills to alleviate her cold. “Eau Souveraine” served as a criticism of how society trusts the opinion of the elite blindly. The ad depicts a famous doctor in Paris endorsing the drug to a cosmopolitan crowd, the FDA approval of the time.

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On March 24, the Honors College held a reception for their Aesthetics & Values show and MFA students opened their exhibition, “Wanderlust.” The lecture delved into the history of pharmaceuticals, patients have always had a preference for the more popular and advertised prescription drugs, said Flanzraich, former president of IVAX Corporation who is responsible for naming Aleve, and Piegrossi, vice president of the Miami-based Brand Institute.

Over 70 percent of the decision about what medicine a patient is prescribed is based on the patient’s push to get the drugs advertised on TV, news and radio. Nasonex’s marketing campaign is centered on a bee voiced by Antonio Banderas. In the ads, the bee gives a happy connotation to what Piegrossi calls a very serious drug. Nasonex is a nasally-administered steroid that can have serious side effects on its users. The two men joked of the irony of the stinging bee giving a happy connotation.

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Nasonex, like many other leading drugs with strong branding behind them, uses a logo that is easily recognizable but not an exact reference to the drug.

“The visual doesn’t need to explain the product, it doesn’t even need to be directly connected, but there should be a story there,” Piegrossi said.

Piegrossi and Flanzraich talked about the process of getting a drug’s brand name approved. They made it seem like it was tougher to get a name approved than meeting the FDA’s approval. The name has to go through getting a trademark, analyzing linguistics of the name to make sure it doesn’t give the wrong idea about a drug, that there are no regulatory issues, and that it meets marketing standards.

The lecture had some funny moments, like when Piegrossi and Flanzraich discussed Cialis, the male enhancement drug. They called the side effect warning an endorsement for the drug.

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Series focuses on importance of living day to day

Daytripper, a 10-issue miniseries, has twin Brazilian brothers, Fábio Moon and Gabriel Bî, taking turns with the writing and drawing responsibilities. Comic fans may be familiar with Moon’s artwork on Image Comics’ Caza-nova series and Bî’s work in the Eisner award winner, The Umbrella Academy, from Darkhorse Comics.

The comic takes – as the name would suggest – a “slice of life” approach to each issue, focusing on daily events that we often take for granted and showing how even the smallest decisions can impact the rest of our lives. The story begins with the life of Brás, a Brazilian native in his 30s who is examining the way his life is going and comparing it to the life he thought he would have. Every issue follows a day in his life and focuses on different aspects of it. The issues that follow jump around in Brás’ time line and examine different points in his life.

Every issue stands on its own, but the more rewarding experience comes from reading all the issues in order and seeing Brás’ life develop despite the lack of chronological order.

In one issue, he meets a woman while on vacation and falls in love with her. In the next, we see their tumultuous breakup and witness the end of their relationship after dating for seven years.

It’s hard not to identify with this series, mostly due to the fact that such various topics are being covered.

But, it’s also the way that each part of Brás’ life is told that is especially endearing. From the chase of trying to find a pretty girl in the middle of a crowded street to the death of his father and birth of his first child, the focus on every moment in his life is their fleeting nature.

Time, or lack thereof, is a pivotal subject of Daytripper. There’s a daunting importance to each step he takes, every thought he has, and every decision he makes. His decisions are thoroughly examined as the series tries to point out that all the choices we make in life have outcomes that shape our future and, more importantly, can swallow large portions of our lives that we’ll never get back.

Mortality plays an important role in this story and compliments the emphasis on the limited amount of time we have in our lives. Every issue so far has ended with the death of Brás, making the trivial things he did in his life, from calling his mother on the phone or not staying to have a cup of coffee with a friend, have a much more profound importance. It’s an excellent way of showing that every day could be our last and if we don’t take the time to appreciate life, it could easily slip away from us.

It’s easy to argue against the lack of continuity resulting from Brás’ continuous deaths, but to focus on that is missing the point of the series entirely. There is some merit, however, to the concern of how Daytripper expects to keep its readers entertained when it appears that every issue is just going to end with the death of its main character, but if this series has proved nothing else, it’s that the outcome for everyone is the same. It’s the journey to the end that is more important.

Panel Panel is a weekly comics column written in tandem by Sean Gonzalez and Pablo Penton. Look for it every Wednesday.
KENDALL BERRY TRAGEDY

Berry demonstrated special qualities off the field

I talled to Kendall Berry once. A twist of fate I never realized until I heard the heart-wrenching news on March 25.

Called to cover for our football beat, I flew over with the team last November to cover the game between FIU and Middle Tennessee.

A rough game for the Golden Panthers on the whole, but one guy stood out; one player broke through.

STANDING OUT

When the Golden Panthers needed a spark, Berry provided it.

That night he scored three touchdowns and ran for 103 yards on 19 carries in a loss to the Blue Raiders.

In a night when the offense struggled, this redshirt sophomore receiver-turned-running-back, who started the season fourth on the depth chart, burst out and delivered arguably the best individual performance of the season.

We interviewed him after the game, and he talked to us about how they needed to keep working and how they wanted to change things up on offense, among other things. And then we saw thanks and he walked back into the locker room.

That simple post-game interview has played in my mind the last few days. I never thought that would be the last time I would ever talk to him. I never thought he might have his life cut short a few short months later.

ONE OF US

He was a student trying to build a solid foundation for his future.

He was a brother, a son and a friend.

I wish I could have had a chance to talk to him more. But I was blessed to have gotten that opportunity to talk to him just for a few minutes.

Because in those short moments, I knew that he was someone who had a desire to succeed, a desire to keep moving forward.

It was apparent how special he really was.

Despite his great performance on that cold November night, after having to fight for playing time on that field, he was still not satisfied.

He would get back on that bus and look for ways to improve.

Not only himself, but for his team.

LESSONS LEARNED

We forget how fragile life can truly be.

Tomorrow is never a guarantee, but it is a gift.

Every single day that we are blessed with life is a gift.

And Berry used those gifts to become everything he could be.

Many were who in his shoes – after missing an entire season thanks to a serious knee injury or adjusting to a new position – may have just called it quits or gone on to other things.

No one would have blamed him.

But he persevered. And when the opportunity came, he seized it with hesitation and took charge.

A testimony to the kind of athlete and person he was and an inspiration for all of us.

He made his mark on the field with more than just statistics; more than just touchdowns or yards or receptions.

He made it with determination, with patience and, most of all, with heart.

That is how he was able to come back and perform as he did last season.

That is how I was able to spend those several minutes with him.

That is how he was able to live the life he did.

As we keep the family, coaches, teammates and friends of Kendall Berry, we remember the great memories he left behind and celebrate all that his life stood for.

His legacy will always remain.

We will miss you, No. 19.

Freshman surprised by early success

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actually surprised by how well she has been hitting at the college level and says that it’s the part of her game that has improved the most since departing from Cooper City High School in 2009.

“T’ve always had a few home runs and I stayed pretty consistent [in high school],” Rojas said. “But I didn’t think I was going to hit this well in college.”

Her style of leading is different, but it works.

“I know I’m a freshman but you can still learn from me,” said Rojas. “Just like anyone else.”

Cristobal: FIU will not forget Berry’s contributions

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alongside other FIU football players.

“KB was like a brother to me. I can’t believe he’s gone,” Rolle said. “No matter what the situation was, he had my back.”

To close out the memorial service, Berry’s father addressed the crowd alongside his wife and Berry. The father, Derrick Spillman, said that there’s no one to blame and that he holds no ill will toward anyone after the situation.

“As I said to the players before we came in, it’s God’s will,” Spillman said. “Nobody’s to blame.”

Spillman went on to say that his son had never been in a fight up until last Thursday when he was murdered.

“There’s never a winner in a fight. There’s no sense in losing two lives or three lives,” he said.

“That was his very first fight.”

Law enforcement authorities said Berry, 22, confronted Quentin Rashad Wyche around 9 p.m. Thursday outside the University’s Recreation Center after Wyche insulted his girlfriend and threw cookers in her face. Berry was stabbed once in the stomach, according to the warrant. At least eight people witnessed the incident. Wyche surrendered to authorities on March 26 after fleeing the crime scene the night before. He is charged with second-degree murder with a deadly weapon.

“We have to learn to live together as brothers and sisters or die together as fools,” said FIU Board of Trustees Chairman Albert E. Dotson, paraphrasing Dr. Martin Luther King. “God looked down the other day on his great field of flowers and he said, I want to pick a flower today. And he picked a beautiful flower in Kendall.”

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approaching the box, as she

usually cracks a smile or

nerves.

She just might even

thrown up a few signals to her third base coach, saying that she’s going
to move the runners up.

It’s just who she is.

“Ve always been a weird kid and
goofy. It’s just who I am,” the FIU
softball player said. “I’m always the

type of person to make people laugh

and I’ll always be the first

to laugh at anything.”

Rojas’ infectious personality and energy is far from a

distraction. In fact, she’ll tell you that it actually helps her
game.

“I figure if I go out there

and give it everything I have

and go out there happy, then of

course I’m going to do good,” Rojas

said. “You set the tone and that’s just

my mentality, to have a good time.

It’s a game, I have to enjoy it and do

as well as I can.”

The freshman has done more than

well. Since her arrival to FIU, the

five-foot-tall second baseman from

Cooper City, Fla. has been swinging

out of her shoes. Head coach Beth

McClendon like to calls her “a

little fireball” and “the team’s spark

plug.”

“I’m the littlest person on the

team but people know I swing the

hardest,” Rojas said.

Through 21 games this season, she owns the top spot on the team

in batting average (.433), hits (39),

walks (17) and home runs (6).

Just last weekend, Rojas had the lone hit for FIU in game one of a three-game series at Stetson

and scored the winning run for 1-0 victory over the Hatters.

That wasn’t enough.

After dropping game two, Rojas

was determined to lead her team to a

win the next day and she did.

With runners on first and third, the 3-2 pitch came. Rojas drilled it

out of the park to give FIU a 3-0 lead

in the first inning. The Panthers went

on to win 3-1.

Not only has Rojas been getting
done, she does it with runners on base.

Five of her six home runs have been three-run shots.

You can call her clutch but the

way she sees it, she’s just trying to help out her team.

“If I try to get everyone motivated,”

she said. “When we were losing 8-0 to Troy and I came up with a three-

run homer I was rounding third and

I told coach, “All I’m trying to do is get them fired up,”” she said. “That’s

all I want is for this team to come together, be excited and ready.”

Although the success, Rojas

is

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SPORTS REPLAY

Track and field competes; tennis hosts Brown

The FIU track and field team had mixed results at the UCF Invitational on March 26 and 27.

The Golden Panthers were led by freshmen Marissa McElveen and Jessefer Annichiarico, who both had first place performances in their respective competitions.

McElveen won the long jump event and

posted a 18’11.75 score, which is the third

best performance in the Sun Belt Conference this season. Annichiaricio won the 300m

steepleschase with an impressive 10:37.20 clip.

“We had several personal and lifetime

bests made this weekend,” FIU head coach

Eric Campbell told fiusports.com. “We need
to continue to work hard in the upcoming weeks so we can be ready to perform at our

absolute best come the SBC Conference Championships.”

Other notable performances include

Christina Raphael, who produced the sixth

best discuss throw in the event at 132’6 and

Josh Castaldo finished runner up in the discuss

with a score of 125’03. Sprinter Victor

Chin ran the 100m and 200m and finished

third and seventh at the event, respectively.

The University of Florida finished first in the

men’s bracket of the invitational while

Harvard won the women’s side.

The Golden Panthers hosted Brown today at 11 a.m. for their last home game of the season.

The Golden Panthers (19-10, 4-2 SBC)

are currently ranked second in the SBC,

behind Troy.

Compiled by Jonathan Ramos.

COURTESY OF NESTOR ROJAS

Maria Specceley [above] competes against Boston College earlier in the season. The Golden Panthers host Brown today at 11 a.m. for their last home game of the season.

Andy McElveen / The Beacon

SOFTBALL

The Golden Panthers’ double header against Florida Gulf Coast that was sched-

uled for March 30 has been postponed for April 6.

FIU’s next series will feature a confer-

ence home opener against North Texas, starting April 2 at 5 p.m.

UNT is third in the SBC standings with

a 12-9 record, including a 2-1 conference clip.

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