‘Worlds Ahead’ makes mark
New campaign plans to put University on the map

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After answering the question of “What is FIU?” the University Division of External Relations continues to develop ways to expand the new long-term marketing campaign, Worlds Ahead. The launching of the initiative brought together University members to the Graham Center Ballrooms during early March to provide and cement a concise definition of FIU: one that focuses on its diversity, location and innovation. Now as the campaign takes its first steps in the open, the External Relations team is looking into its year-long research to decide the best ways to approach the community and the world on what FIU means.

“This is actually something that the University has been on for at least four or five years,” said Sandra Gonzalez-Leyv, senior vice president of External Relations. “We’ve been trying to put something like this together, and it seemed like now was the time for it.”

Throughout the University, Worlds Ahead is becoming a part of the landscape as the metal map of the world at the entrance of the Graham Center was moved and placed above

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STEPPING STONES

Arthur Affleck (left), Ronald Henri (center) and Shawn Daniel (right), Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity members, perform a step routine in front of the GC Pit to showcase tradition of stepping, their history and to educate onlookers about their fraternity.

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On March 27, the Education Clinic at the College of Law held its first major event, the “Legal Rights of Children with Special Needs Seminar,” planned by the clinic director Professor Laverne Pinkney.

“This seminar was designed to confront parents with children who have disabilities and to provide them with the knowledge they may need moving forward in life,” Pinkney said.

According to Professor Pinkney, 130 people registered for this event. The audience ranged from attorneys to law students and parents with children who have special needs.

“The speakers at this event [addressed] a number of issues including state custody, life insurance, ensuring secure placement for them in schools. This seminar was especially useful to parents because many of them cannot afford private attorneys and therefore they will be able to receive a wealth of knowledge at the seminar free of charge,” Pinkney said.

One of the many lecturers present at the seminar was attorney Champagne Girten who currently works for the Legal Services of Greater Miami.

According to Pinkney, Girten’s current practice centers around special education advocacy and providing civil legal assistance to foster youth transition into adulthood.

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Laverne Pinkney, Director, Education Clinic College of Law

SGC MMC SENATE

Reform of governing councils delayed

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After postponing the reorganization of the structure of governing councils for an additional week, the only form of legislation discussed by the senate of the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus was an appropriation.

The April 5 meeting made three weeks that the reforming was postponed. Engineering senator William Jose-Velez was the one who motioned for the postponement.

Velez said to Student Media after the meeting that the reason he postponed it was because the authors of the resolution are “working on some details of the bill.”

One of those details was fine-tuning what oversight Student Government Association will have over governing councils.

Dealing specifically with the Graduate Student Association, Velez said another detail is working out how the Graduate Student Advisory Board will work.

The new SGA constitution proposed by the SGC-MMC judiciary, revised by the University-wide Council and not on the ballot during general elections has an article that details the new structure of governing councils. However, as it wasn’t on the ballot, the current constitution still stands as the authority within SGA.

Velez said that because of this, if
The U.S. damage appeared to be limited to California’s south-eastern Imperial Valley in what was one of the strongest earthquakes to hit the region in decades. The shaking was felt hundreds of miles away in Phoenix and Las Vegas.

Media outlets have been reporting on the possible links between this earthquake and the ones that occurred in Chile and Haiti.

"The public is sensitized to it... it gets in the news cycle whereas previously it wasn’t," Draper said. Draper added that the reason these earthquakes are not connected is because of the distance between them and the random manner in which they occur.

As of printing, the earthquake has killed two people and injured 140. CNN reported, however, that the number could rise as 10 to 15 of those injured are in critical condition.

Additional reporting by Jorge Valenz.
security that a child with special needs receives each year, but even if the social security check is $1, the child will still receive full benefits from Medicaid," Girten said.

Girten then went on to explain the importance of having all the medical records and school records in order before the parents file their application to receive these benefits.

“Mental disability cases are the ones that are the hardest to prove in front a judge, the more records the parents have, the better their chances,” Girten said.

According to Girten, it used to be 857 days (little benefits years) between filing the case and the hearing when she first started working as an attorney, now it has gone down to about 15 months.

“The only drawback once the child gets approved for benefits is that they must be reevaluated again when they turn 18. Most parents forget to follow up,” Girten said.

According to Girten, this is how many people get purged off the list; social security is counting on most parents forgetting to reapply for benefits.

Another lecturer present at the seminar focused on a completely different aspect which was that of financial planning for families with special needs. Joseph Eppy is a special care planner that has helped Mass Mutual create their special care needs program and teaches other financial advisors how to do this unique type of planning across the country, and has been doing so since 2004, according to Pinkney.

The main focus of Eppy’s lecture was to educate parents on the topic of wills, estates, letters of intent and guardianship.

“Financial aspects and legal aspects tie hand in hand in these special cases, we can’t possibly have one without the other,” Eppy said.

Eppy explained that parents or guardians of children with special needs can become disabled themselves any day now, therefore having a living will and a letter of intent is important.

“A letter of intent is important because it is an instruction manual for the next caregiver and will describe the child’s hopes and dreams for the future. Also, it will describe the child’s current situation,” Eppy said.

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### Battle considers new handbook with senate

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To help future senators in Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus, Christin “Cici” Battle, SGC-BBC vice president created training handbooks to help new members understand their role.

The handbook, which was revealed during the weekly senate meeting on April 5, included a six-step process which should facilitate the working process for incoming senators.

According to Battle, the training handbook was a goal she created during the beginning of the Spring semester and was finalized with input from the senators.

“The handbook has feedback from incoming senators and is a compilation of useful information,” she said. “It will provide senators with a blueprint of their role.”

With the handbook senators will be able to understand their job, gain knowledge and clearly read the SGA constitution and statutes, Battle said during the meeting.

The manual will also provide senators with a clear understanding of the order of succession from speaker of the senate, to vice president and finally to president.

“It is straight to the point,” said Battle about the handbook. “If you are a new senator this will help you understand what your role is.”

The handbook also suggests that senators should make themselves visible among students and administration, which will help them familiarize themselves with the students they represent and make their voices heard.

Senators are also provided tips on how to reach out to students and are recommended to create “meet and greet” events, speaking up in class and meeting their respective deans on a regular basis.

“It is about creating a relationship and having a bond with students,” Battle said.

Battle also informs senators on how to research and survey students needs in the handbook, by suggesting senators to set up tables and become familiar with their respective colleges’ clubs.

During the meeting Battle also suggested a “meet your senators” link on SGA’s website to help students become familiar with their representation.

With the new handbook implemented, senators feel it will benefit the students and administration.

“This is one of the many things missing in the senate,” SGC-BBC lower-division senator Maria Pacheco said.

### Annual auction to raise scholarship funds for international and transfer students

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The Office of multicultural Programs and Services is hosting the seventh annual SAGE fund-raising reception and silent auction on April 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center Ballrooms at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

The purpose of the event is to raise funds for SAGE, the Scholarship Award in Global Excellence, which helps international and transfer students.

SAGE has awarded about 25 scholarships of $500 each over the years and is looking to grant three more this year.

“The goal is to raise between $5,000 and $10,000 at this year’s reception,” said Darrett Sawyer, director of Multicultural Programs and Services at BBC and co-chair of the event.

According to Nancy Hernandez, director of the International Student and Scholarship Services at BBC, students submitted their applications in March and had to submit a resume, transcript, essay letter of recommendation and list of involvement in FIU or community organizations. They must also have a minimum 2.78 GPA.

“We rely a lot on our donors,” said Sawyer. “Everyone is invited to attend, both FIU and the local community.”

Some of the sponsors who donated items are Bubba Gump, Publix and the Biltmore Hotel.

Among the items up for auction are works of art, hotel stays, gift baskets of spa treatments or Italian goods, and gift certificates to restaurants and gyms – even a $100 gift certificate from the Wolfe Center good toward any event.

There are also door prizes that can be won without having to cast a bid.

During the auction, each person will have a number only they will know in order to bid on the items they are interested in. At the end, the committee will tally the results and make the announcements of who the winners are by their numbers. Checks are to be made payable to FIU SAGE.

“We’re excited about the event and would like people to come out for a fun night,” said Sawyers. “They can walk out with some great items.”

The cost of tickets is $20 and includes dinner and musical entertainment, with Vice Provost Steven Moll serving as emcee.

RSVP in advance is recommended, but tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the auction.

For more information or to RSVP, call 305-919-5817 or stop by WUC 253.

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Vice President Joe Biden sought to assure Haitian-American leaders Monday that the U.S. remains committed to reconstruction efforts in Haiti.

Their Caribbean home-land may have faded from the news since a magnitude-7 earthquake struck Jan. 12, but the U.S. government will keep its promises to rebuild, Biden said.

“We have no reduced commitment,” Biden said.

“We will work with all of you to get Haiti back on its feet.”

Biden and Paul Weiss- feld, coordinator of the Haiti team for the U.S. Agency for International Development, met with about two-dozen elected officials and commu- nity leaders at the Little Haiti Cultural Center in Miami.

Some of the leaders said the meeting was an opportunity to express frustration within the Haitian Diaspora over being excluded from recovery efforts led by the U.S. and Haitian govern- ment, the United Nations and non-governmental organizations.

“The vice president understands that we need to be involved if we are to have an impact,” Andre Pierre, mayor of North Miami, said after the meeting. “That has not happened before.”

Biden hosted a similar meeting here in January. He said United States’ contributions to the recovery effort since then added up to $1 billion in funding for shelter, sani- tation, food, medical supplies and other logistics.

The vice president said 1.2 million Haitians now have access to clean water, an improvement of 50 percent over pre- earthquake accessibility. About 21,000 people are employed clearing debris in cash-for-work programs, he said.

“Success will be to get it beyond where it was HAITI, page 5
Haitian-American leaders encouraged by Biden visit

and on a path it has not been in awhile, to build upon sorrow and loss a new Haiti sustained by a much brighter commitment and a much brighter hope for the days ahead,” Biden said.

Some of the Haitian-Americans said after the meeting that they were encouraged to hear that Barack Obama’s administration shared their concerns, especially about development in rural areas as hurricane season approaches. After the earthquake, many residents of Haiti’s capital, Port-au-Prince, fled to rural villages that lacked the resources to support them.

The leaders also were concerned about 55,000 Haitians whose U.S. visa applications were pending when the earth-quake struck. They asked Biden to push U.S. officials to speed up the approval process for those Haitians, so they can join family members in the United states.

“He said he would look into it,” said Marleine Bastien, executive director of Haitian Women of Miami.

Last week at a United Nations donor conference, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced an additional pledge of $1.15 billion over the next two years.

The U.S. was among nearly 50 international donors who pledged $9.9 billion to help Haiti recover from the earthquake that destroyed its government and commercial center.

Biden and his family had been in Miami to celebrate the Easter holiday.
Four months ago, I wrote an article questioning the future of James Cameron’s $500 million investment, Avatar.

You know, the movie where the giant blue aliens were actually a bunch of New York City hipsters in wigs and you have to wear glasses to see them. It was a failure to the tune of over $223 million in ticket sales since its release last December.

Of course, it wasn’t the first massively successful 3-D film to be released in Hollywood in recent memory. Films like Spider-Man, Avatar, and Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs were box office successes. Cameron then went on to launch a second campaign of similar rising scale, which are currently at $5 billion in ticket sales since its release.

Avatar wasn’t the first successful 3-D film, but it is the most prominent in the minds of the public, and the true indicator that the age of 3-D has arrived. Most of the studios will do anything in order to get into the gig.

Last weekend’s box office hit Clash of the Titans was filmed in 2009 and was set for release on March 26, in the traditional 2-D formatting. In early January 2010, Empire Magazine reported that execu- ters at Warner Brothers had been toying with the idea of converting the film into 3-D. The process, costing an extra $5 million, involves creating a second plane of field that can be read with the glasses given to you at the theater, giving you that 3-D sensation.

It was all done in 10 weeks. All the studio had to do was push the release date back to April 2. The result: $62 million during the opening weekend. Surely, nothing to sneeze at but definitely a decent review to be found in site.

Rotten Tomatoes, the film has a 31 percent approval rating according to the site.

Their primary issue: the conversion process.

"Post-conversion creates a pop-up 3-D, whereas everything is a flat plane that is separated from other flat planes, offering illusory depth, but Clash takes that to the next level... in post-converted 3-D many of these landscapes are ruined, with the planes being all over the place," noted Devon Fitch from CHUD.com.

In comparison to Avatar where the 3-D elements were leaked for their beauty, Titans is an atrocity.

The film’s quality in terms of story and characterizations is the same. The 3-D element was nothing short of maddening.

In Avatar, I sat in awe of the visuals, despite the lack of any other real substance. By the time the Kraken had been released in Titans, I knew I’d be coming home to write about my qualms.

This wouldn’t be the first time that SGC-BBC complained about underfunding, but this is one that was at fault in almost all instances would be a long and fruitless one, as both councils are at fault in their own way.

The basis here is that the two councils are just not communicating effectively enough to function, as evidenced by this petty “he said, she said.”

Indeed, it is this interfacing that has become charac- teristic of the relationship between SGC-MMC and SGC-BBC. The consolidation of both governing councils into one unified SGA is one solution that The Beacon feels will alleviate these conflicts as nobody will be working to improve any one particular campus, but rather the University as a whole.

The current two-campus, two-president system is redundant and inefficient. In order to prevent such fail- ures and encourage an inter-campus dialogue, there must be a University-wide SGA president governing all campuses.

An example would be the way the University presi- dency is handled. University President Mark Rosenberg ultimately represents every facet of the University, not just MMC, BBC or the Pines Center. For example, if the President is asked which plane which report to him, but ultimately he is in charge.

Within the current system, the presidency at MMC retains far more power. As a BBC council, the MMC president holds a seat on the University Board of Trustees, while the BBC president merely has an advisory position within the FIU Foundation.

Another example would be the way each president handles their individual campuses while clearly crumble as it is already the case on the BTO; the University has entrusted the SGC-MMC president to represent the 40,000 strong student body.

Streaming has become a buzz word within the film industry exploiting 3-D effects.

Unless it is discovered that the organization requesting funds has already been funded by SGA via Activities and Service fees, most appropri- tations are approved by the SGC-MMC senate.

Recent attempts by FIU Football Rugby Club’s appropriation for $1,700 to cover the costs of attendance for team members was denied since it had been previously funded by both CCSO and the Recreation Center.

Subsequently, the Caribbean Student Association’s appropri- ation for $1,500 to cover travel- ing expenses to a conference in Tampa was rejected not only because CCSO is a CSA funded organization, but also because funding for traveling expenses constitutes an operational cost.

To formulate an educated opinion in the complex funding process, students must be acquainted with basic informa- tion. After all, we will be absent of certain aspects of the SGC budget, as it relates to CCSO.

For the fiscal year 2009-10, SGC-MMC allocated 18 percent or $276,513 of its $1.5 million budget to CCSO, which distributes funding to member organizations.

A point system dictates the amount of funding an organization may request.

Organizations must obtain an initial allotment of 30-56 points to receive a minimal funding of $500, while 30-56 points will earn an organization access to $2,000, the most allowed.

Points can be obtained through leadership and profes- sional development, Web devel- opment, and community service and philanthropic projects.

Basic funding of $150 is awarded to new organizations the semester they become a member of CCSO. To become a member of CCSO, an organization must have at least 10 members, an accept- able constitution including provi- sions for funding policy, as well as a detailed investigation and possibly recommend means through A&S fees.”

Article 4, Section (3) (D) only affords the senate the ability to approve “allocation and all executive and service expenditures...” the constitution at the time. If approved by the Univer- sity-wide council, will afford the SGC-MMC senate the power to “allocate student organization and entities directly funded by SGA through A&S fees.”
Car show to raise money for children's health care

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Engineers will rev andlive will be saved as the parked and the charitablegather at FIU on April 10. FIU Car Club will be meeting on the roof of the Panther Garage for Cars for Kids, an event that brings together car lovers and the spirit of giving in one venue.

The event will raise money to benefit the Miami Children’s Hospital Foundation. Although this is the first annual Cars for Kids show, event coordinators Alex Summa and Vidjai Dorega are hoping to make it a new fixture in the University’s plethora of charity events.

Along with the car show, Summa, a freshman finance and marketing major, also had a major hand in forming the University’s first recognized car enthusiasts club.

On the drawing board since October of last year, Cars for Kids has rounded up some big sponsors for the event and are hoping to raise as much money as they can for MCHF.

Two of the major sponsors are ISS Forged and COR Wheels. ISS Forged has been extremely beneficial in the cause and has aided the club quite a lot in promoting the event. The custom, high performance wheel manufacturer donated $500 for high-end flyers hoping to attract a crowd.

The MCHF helps to provide health care services to children all around Miami. They focus on getting care to young patients who are underprivileged and without the means to afford health services.

"This charity is very important to me because it gives children hope by giving them a future that they might not otherwise have because they lacked the proper health care," Summa said.

He’s been working with the organization for the past six months, but FIU has sponsored MCHF for quite a while.

Making appearances in the annual Dance Marathons, they work closely with FIU students and organizations to advance their efforts.

Christina Flores, a sophomore broadcast journalism major and executive director of Dance Marathons, is called to help make the link between Summa and MCHF.

"I think that it is wonderful that we can connect something so unrelated as cars to help raise awareness about our extremely important philanthropy," Flores said.

The club has reserved 300 spots atop the lofty Panther Garage roof and anyone going to display their ride should contact Summa at carclubfiu@gmail.com.

To enter, a $5 donation at the door is required.

And, depending on your mood, a $10 donation includes the entrance and a meal provided by Chic-Fil-A. Also, those who are displaying their car and have reserved a spot will receive a lunch.

So far, around 100 cars are expected to show up for display and...
Fabulous, Trey Songz spread ‘green’ message through music

On April 16, a concert will be held at the James L. Knight Center in Miami Beach featuring artists Fabolous and Trey Songz. Both artists were up for the challenge of spreading the message to students, Butler said. She added that their eagerness to promote the cause made them good role models and their music best appealed to the demographic DreamSharee is targeting.

An after-party will be held at South Beach’s Mansion – a popular locale for celebrity parties and events.

Before the tour comes to Miami, there will be contests offering participants the chance to get the celeb treatment at BSBG’s after-party and other goodies.

Winners of “Green is Beautiful” will get a “green” makeover by celebrity makeup artist, Londyn Nikole, a spa treatment at a local organic spa in Miami, tickets to the concert, VIP treatment at the after-party and a walk down the green carpet. The contest ends on April 12.

Discounted tickets to the concert are available until April 7 and admission to the seminar is free.

You can check out more information about contests, tickets and anything “green” at www.beseenbeinggreen.com and www.dreamsharee.com

To solve the sudoku puzzle, every row, column and 3x3 box must contain the numbers 1-9 only once. Check your answers in Friday’s issue.

Difficulty: Hard

A Friend Dies. Who Cares?

Toxic drinking is an epidemic on campuses all across America.

It means consuming so much alcohol the drinker passes out. But while “sleeping it off,” the victim may be quietly dying.

When you come right down to it, students themselves are the best ones to tackle this problem. So in growing numbers, Stony Brook students have joined together in the Red Watch Band movement.

Working with experts, they fine-tuned a course in techniques to handle these alcohol emergencies. Red Watch Band members can act fast, when every second counts. They know the quick steps they can take to rescue a passed-out student from a drinking death, and can immediately summon professional help. Everyone completing the course is given the distinctive red watch for identification.

Since its inception at Stony Brook University in March 2009, approximately 40 schools across the country have signed on to implement this lifesaving program.

To prevent toxic drinking deaths, go to redwatchband.org
THE BEACON REVIEWS: EPARISTERA DAIMONES

Triptykon’s underground album lives up to its hype

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A couple of months ago, the underground metal scene was set ablaze when the legendary Tom Gabriel Fischer (aka Tom Gabriel Warrior) announced the creation of his new band and an upcoming debut album.

For those not in the know, which includes myself, Mr. Fischer got his legend status by being the main force behind two of metal’s most iconic bands: Hellhammer and Celtic Frost.

Now, I’ve never been a fan of either of those, so even though everyone was talking about Tom’s new band, I remained uninterested.

But then the album finally released and reviews everywhere were unanimously positive, praising the music, album art and even the liner notes as the best in recent years.

And so, even though I hate to cave in to the hype machine, I gave the album a listen.

Now I can add another bullet point to the small list of things that actually live up to the hype: Triptykon’s Eparistera Daimones.

Dark, slow and brooding, Eparistera Daimones continues where Celtic Frost’s Monotheist left off, achieving modern songwriting heaviness while still retaining a strong old-school riffing heritage. Creative and distinct guitar chum aways over precise drumming, yet it all feels strangely familiar.

Triptykon is not reinventing metal by any means. But while the music is definitely anchored in tradition, it has plenty of room to wander into interesting waters. A great example of this is the opener, “Goetia,” which, after a series of droning guitar riffs, explodes into a surprisingly catchy chorus, yet it all comes burning back down in a slow fire in the end. And slow is the key word here.

While not exactly a doom record, Eparistera Daimones never seems to lose its composure to the need to speed things up. This results in a particular moody atmosphere that keeps you in some sort of trance, anxiously awaiting what comes next. That doesn’t mean it doesn’t mix things up a little, from the seriously thrashing into “A Thousand Lies” to the sublime clean female vocals on “My Pain.”

Production-wise, this is one of the best sounding albums I’ve ever heard. The main protagonist here are the guitars, whose tones are about as harsh as you can get without sounding like a wall of mud collapsing onto your ears. They escape conventional mass produced “metal guitar” conventions, and they instead carve their own personality that meshes with the intent of the album perfectly.

The drums also sound excellent, possessing a certain organic warmth without losing the expected machine-like precision.

Lastly, Fischer’s vocals complete the musical trifecta, adding everything from your default black metal “UGH!” to seriously eerie, almost-baritone spoken passages.

Switzerland’s Triptykon was named after a “tripych”, which is a form of art consisting of three parts that was very popular in the Middle Ages.

Triptykon is therefore Fischer’s third panel in a work of music, after Hellhammer and Celtic Frost. The album title, Eparistera Daimones, translates to “To my left, the demons” and, according to Fischer, “its multiple meanings apply to some respect in both my life and my work.”

The album cover features art by the infamous H.R. Geiger, whose paintings look like an anatomy study of the aliens from the Alien movie by a severely disturbed scientist.

In the end, it doesn’t really matter what’s on the cover of an album, or what it’s called. Those things take on importance only after the music has claimed it for itself. And Eparistera Daimones certainly has; don’t miss out on one of the truly great metal albums in recent years.

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CARS FOR KIDS

To become an annual event

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other car clubs are anticipated to show up the day of the event.

“I’m excited for the amount of cars coming, as I have invited all the people I know in the tuning industry … I am also very excited to be debuting the car team that I started recently: Indecent Xposure,” Doerger, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, said.

Parking is first come first serve, except for the car clubs that will be grouped together and the reserved spots for the vintage rides.

Some notable mentions are the Nissan GTR, a 1965 convertible Mustang and a troop of Minis from the Mint’s of Miami Club.

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SALES should be one council

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BBC such as SPC should be maintained in order to guarantee programming for all students.

As for the presidency, there must be an overall SGA president; one person who will be accountable for everything, and elected by the entire student body. Meanwhile, there should be one vice president for MMC and one for BBC, elected by the students at their respective campuses to represent their specific needs.

The Beacon understands the reasoning behind the current two-council system and challenges associated with its restructuring. Ultimately, however, we consider this to be one University, regardless of which campus a student may attend. It is in this spirit that we make these recommendations.
Golden Panthers’ offense erupts to tame Cajuns

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FIU 15, LOUISIANA 6

It took a while for the Golden Panthers (18-10, 5-4 SBC) to get started, but after falling behind by five runs to the visiting Louisiana Ragin’ Cajuns (14-14, 4-8 SBC) on April 4, Raiko Alfonso was the star after hitting a career-high six RBI while going 2-for-4 with two home runs to cap off one of the better weekend performances in his collegiate career. He was able to pick up 12 RBI throughout the course of the series against one of the top Sun Belt teams in the pitching department.

“It feels awesome,” Alfonso said after the game. “We needed this win big time. I was just trying to help the team.”

Aaron Arboleya started for FIU and was able to get the first two outs easily. But it was anything but easy after that as Arboleya struggled as the Ragin’ Cajuns were able to rally with two outs and scored three runs to take an early lead.

“He’s going to have a pretty good bruise to the shoulder, but we hope he’ll be OK and be ready to throw next weekend,” head coach Turtle Thomas said.

In the third inning, Jordan Porrier led off for Louisiana and hit a line drive that nailed Arboleya in the midsection that cut his day short. Corey Poliziano came in to relieve the ailing starter.

The Golden Panthers got on the board in the fourth after Raiko Alfonso nearly belted a three-run home run, but instead ended up as a sacrifice fly after Matt Goulas made a leaping catch against the right field wall.

Chad Keerer answered right back for the Cajuns in the following inning, hitting a pitch from Poliziano just over the wall in left field near the foul pole.

After struggling to manufacture anything on offense, the Golden Panthers erased the five-run Cajun lead with six runs in the bottom fifth after a string of consecutive base hits capped off by a two-run home run by Raiko Alfonso gave FIU its first lead of the afternoon.

“It was still early in the game,” Thomas said. “We’re capable of getting some runs and hitting the baseball and that’s exactly what happened in that inning. Raiko was obviously a very big part of that.”

Alfonso added, “I guess he got a little tired and wasn’t in command of his pitches. I was just looking for...
Kappa Alpha Psi obtains title

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Both the fraternity and sorority league came to an end March 31.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI 36, PI KAPPA ALPHA 34

Kappa Alpha Psi bunted their way to find a victory against defending champions Pi Kappa Alpha, 36-34 in the intramural semi-final on March 30.

In the last minutes of play, the game had a couple of lead changes, but Kappa stood strong defensively to come out victorious.

Pie played a very aggressive and emotional game, which hurt them down the stretch as they were charged with many fouls as well as some technical fouls, which Kappa wasn’t able to capitalize, shooting 3-6 from the line.

“We knew that our missed free throws were going to kill us at the end of the game,” said Kappa forward Richard Nellhaus. “We had to stay consistent with our defense to keep pressuring the ball.”

SIGMA PHI EPSILON 62, PHI SIGMA KAPPA 37

Sigma Phi Epsilon routed Phi Sigma Kappa in a mercy rule, 62-37, in the semi-final matchup on March 30 to advance to a championship game vs. Kappa Alpha Psi.

Despite Kappa starting off on a 9-0 run to open the game, SigEp hustled hard on defense, led by guard Andrew Areces and forward Mariano Cuesta, and went on a 16-4 run to close the half.

“We turned our intensity up and it showed,” Areces said.

ALPHA XI DELTA 43, SIGMA KAPPA 13

Right from the beginning, AXiD guard Natalie Iglesias and forward Janelle Capo went to work, defeating Sigma Kappa, 43-13, for the sorority league intramural basketball championship on March 31.

“Janelle and I have a sense of where we’re going to be,” Iglesias said.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI 48, SIGMA PHI EPSILON 40

In a battle between David and Goliath, for the fraternity league intramural basketball championship, Sigma Phi Epsilon couldn’t match up with Alpha Kappa Psi’s size.

Seising on March 31, SigEp started off strong defensively in the first half, led by their leading scorer and forward Rasta Jai, who finished with 16 points, but they eventually grew weary of Kappa’s athleticism and fast-style play.

Kappa guards Steven and Adam Cole played resilient throughout the whole game, leading their team in scoring. Steven put up 18 points and Adam added 13.

“What we wanted to do was buckle down on defense,” said Kappa guard Adam Cole. “We wanted to put more pressure on the ball handlers and just try to get as many steals and rebounds as possible, and that pretty much saved the game.”

SigEp forward Mariano Cuesta cut the lead short, 44-40, with less than a minute to play, but his team collapsed when fouled out.

However, the key to this game and to most of the post-season was free throws. In the last five minutes of the game, Kappa shot an unimpressive 7-of-21 and SigEp shot 1-of-6 from the line.

“Although we missed a lot of free throws, we out rebounded them on almost every play.

And there were a lot of fouls going on, so they were missing free throws too,” Cole said.

Both teams were keeping each other in the game, but Kappa’s offensive rebounding assured them the win.

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Alfonso has career day in victory

FIU sophomore Raiko Alfonso [above] plastered his first and second home runs during the season in a 1-3-6 win over Louisiana on April 4.

a fastball and I just rinsed it.”

The sophomore infielder got the same pitch in the seventh inning and smashed another two-run home run, this time over the left field wall.

Alfonso, a switch-hitter, hit both home runs opposite field from different sides of the plate, something he has not been able to do throughout his playing career.

The bullpen was able to silence the Ragin’ Cajuns after surrendering the Keifer home run in the fifth, pitching four scoreless innings and allowing just one base hit during that span to secure the victory.
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