STEPPING STONES

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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 director of the clinic Professor Lavernne 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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12.1-magnitude quake. A 3-block-by-4-block area containing prewar buildings housing businesses was closed because of damage.

Sal Farah, 62, spent the night in his 50-year-old Yturralde Furniture store, fearing it could be looted since the giant storefront windows were knocked out by the quake.

"I didn’t get much sleep, especially in the morning when it shook hard again," Farah said, standing in the store littered by broken vases, lamps and shattered knickknacks.

They planned to board up the windows later Monday and hoped to be back in business within a day.

Sunday’s quake centered just south of the U.S. border near Mexicali, killed two people in Mexico and injured at least 100, including someone who was hit in the head by a sign at a carwash in the California town of El Centro.

Scientists measured about 100 aftershocks early Monday, said seismologist Kate Button at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Statistically, there will be one aftershock of around 6.0 and perhaps 10 of 5.0 or larger, she said.

The initial earthquake downed three power lines, a gas leak forced a brief evacuation of about 30 homes, and residents were removed from a senior living center built in the early 1990s. Electricity was out for hours in the city’s southeast area.

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Despite the jolting, police Lt. Jesus Serrano said there were few emergency calls and no sign of panic.

“There’s broken windows, some cracked masonry buildings and some buildings had falling bricks, although none was in immediate danger of collapse,” Serrano said. Damage was still being assessed, he said.

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.

However, Professor Grenville Draper, associate director of the liberal studies program and professor of geology at FIU, said that these earthquakes are “not random” and that these earthquakes are “not connected in any way.”

“The public is sensitized to it because 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 Valens.

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**Senate funds CPR training program**

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the restructuring had passed, it could have been deemed unconstitutional.

“If we pass that bill without specifying that it is subject to the new constitution, it would have been in contradiction to the [current] one,” Velez said.

The restructuring could theoretically be passed at next week’s senate meeting but there would have to be specific wording, a proviso, which states it is subject to the new constitution.

“The proviso would say if the constitution is approved the bill will go into effect,” Velez said. “If and only if.”

The GSAB will be made up of the four graduate senators proposed in the new constitution and is a part of the new structure of GSA. The resolution says that the GSAB will be in charge of allocating funds for research, conferences and other events that will help the student base.

This will be done through “a more efficient, transparent and accountable system that strictly follows the applicable laws and regulations.”

A resolution supporting GSA’s restructuring was passed unanimously at the March 29 senate meeting.

The appropriation was passed $450 for a Clinical Volunteer program to pay for CPR classes for a maximum of 20 students.

According to the appropriation, which was originally on the agenda for the March 22 meeting, University Health Services will host “the Clinical Volunteer Program that will give students training in CPR, immunization shots, etc.”

The volunteer program will start during Summer B and last for the whole year according to the author of the appropriation, David Dial. Dial is also coordinator of health affairs in the cabinet of SGC-MMC President Anthony Riona.

The volunteer program will take place in the general medical clinic. The appropriation says the program will give the University’s undergraduate pre-med student clinical experience “in order to be competitive in their application to medical school.”

Although the appropriation specified pre-med students, Dial said during the meeting that the program will help all pre-health students.
Aid for parents of special needs children discussed

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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," Girtet said.

Girtet 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," Girtet said.

According to Girtet, it used to be 857 days (a little over two 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.

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

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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 Web site 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 $5,000 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 Darret Sawyers, 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 Sawyers. “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 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.

Vice President Biden visits with Little Haiti

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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 homeland 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 Weisenfeld, coordinator of the Haiti team for the U.S. Agency for International Development, met with about two-dozen elected officials and community 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 government, 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, sanitation, 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
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 earthquake 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.
Lack of communication between SGA councils makes case for unification

Four months ago, I wrote an article questioning the future of James Madison’s $800 million investment. Aversion.

You know, the movie where the giant blue alien was based on a premise of the Jei and used their spirit to overcome the galactic empire... etc... it means humans?

However, back then, the fact was it, was indeed a huge, grossing film released with just over $22 billion 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 My Beautiful Valentine 3-D and Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs were box office successes. One might recall, however, that buzzsaws alone made $223,000,000 in gross revenue.

Avatar wasn’t the first successful 3-D film, but it was, most prominently in the minds of the public, and the true indicator that the age of 3-D has arrived. Though 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- tives 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 up to April 2. The results: $62 million during the opening weekend. Surely, nothing to sneeze at but don’t think a decent review to be found in site.

On Rotten Tomatoes, the film has a 31 percent approval rating among critics.

Their primary issue: the conversion process.

“Post-conversion creates pop- up book 3-D, where 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 Fernando from CHD.com.

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

The film’s quality in terms of story and characterizations is possibly no good. But 3-D 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 its quality. This wouldn’t be the first bandwagon that Hollywood has jumped on. Following the success of Avatar, Pixar had embraced Toy Story, and DreamWorks Animation with Shrek, the traditional methods of animation, seemingly hand drawn, went nearly extinct.

Wait Disney Pictures shut down their traditional animation wing. This of course came from the studio that basically estab- lished the feature length animated film into a legitimate art form.

Then comes the age-old argu- ment of art versus business within filmmaking. At the end of the day, studios can collect three extra dollars to put into their coffers.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part I is set to premiere this November and will feature a mass 3-D conversion process. Meanwhile, over a dozen films are scheduled to be released this year in 3-D.

I never thought the day would come but I have to agree with Michael Bay (director of such classics as Transformers 2 and Pearl Harbor): “Studies might be willing to sacrifice the look and use the gimmick to make $3 more a ticket, but I’m not. Avatar took four years. You can’t just shove a 3-D movie.”

If you want to see a 3-D film go see Avatar on 3-D where Meryl Streep’s ruler pops off the screen as she administers corporal punishment.

You can’t always determine whether a film will be good. But if you want to make films in 3-D, let’s make them into events, not just another way to get more money from viewers.

Unless it is discovered that the organization requesting funds has already been funded by SGA via Activities and Service fees, most appropri- ations are approved by the SGC-MMC senate. Recent cases include the FIU Football Rugby Club’s appropriation for $1,700 to cover the cost of team members. The team members was denied since it had been previously funded by both SGC and the Recreation Center.

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

To formulate an educated opinion on the complex funding process, students must be acquainted with basic informa- tion on how the process will be able to avoid certain aspects of the SGC budget, as it relates to SCS.

For the fiscal year 2009-10, SGC-MMC allocated 18 percent or $276,513 of its $1.5 million budget to CSO, which distributes funding to member organizations. A point system dictates the amount of funding an organization may request. Organizations must obtain 10 points in order to receive a minimal funding of $500, while 30-50 points will earn an organization access to $2,000, the most allowed.

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

Basic funding of $150 is awarded to new organizations the semester they become a member of CSO. To become a member of CSO, an organization must have at least 10 members, an accept- able constitution including provi- sions for funding policy, a current faculty/staff advisor from MMC, a minimum of 51 percent of the organization’s members must be students at MMC, and the organization’s president, treasurer and COO representative must be enrolled for half of their course load at MMC.

Aside from membership and point system, there is an intricate system by which member organiza- tions file for funding. Member organizations check the account through the Arts and Sciences Business Office to verify sufficient funding. An application must include a flyer for the event and a registration form. The forms are being requested for the sign in sheet, quotes or invoices from the vendor and the organi- zation advisor’s signature. Regulations stipulate that all paperwork must be submitted at least 10 days prior to the event’s meeting, but it takes up to 10 days from the time the application is submitted to obtain the Campus Life advisor’s approval and up to 10 additional days for the A&S office to process the application.

Final payment will not be issued prior to the event, unless the organization submits an invoice five to seven days after the event or meeting has taken place.

It is obvious that the system needs to streamline, but the more pertinent question is: Does SGC- MMC have the power to intervene and simplify the process within state regulatory limits? While Article 4, Section (3) (D) only affords the senate permission to “approve and allocate all activity and service expenditures...” the senate has had the autonomy to do so, at least since 2010, if approved by the University-wide council, will afford the SGC-MMC senate the power to “audit student organizations and entities directly funded by SGA through A&S fees.”

While the process is grossly oversimplified here, the student senate will be able to conduct a detailed investigation and eliminate bureaucracy through which CSO can better serve member organizations.

So as appropriations come to the senate floor, financial obstacles in the way of groups like the FIU Football Rugby Club and others like them could be easily averted if the purposes of their respective orga- nization, will only be history.
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Turn off the sink while you brush your teeth. Ride your bike instead of driving your car. These are the simple “green” tips for eco-friendly awareness that you’re used to hearing. Now, going to a Trey Songz and Fabolous concert can help the world spin cleaner and brighter, too.

It seems as if “green” is everywhere and that’s not a bad thing considering it’s saving our planet. But, being cautious that everything you do is going to increase your carbon footprint can be exhausting.

So, here comes the Be Seen Being Green College Music Tour, the movement of TSharee Butler and Marcus King, president and vice president of DreamSharee Edu-tainment, respectively.

Plastered all over the media and touted by celebrities, eco-friendly living is a hot trend that’s here to stay. The “green” movement by DreamSharee is designed to keep the appetite for a “green” world strong in a way that’s relat able to college students.

“Green is a lifestyle now. So, not only is it fashionable, we wanted to make it fun,” Butler said.

They came up with the idea to spread awareness to college students about living eco-friendly by combining education with entertainment. “As an edu-tainment company, it was important for us to merge our educational message of being ‘green’ and spread awareness through entertainment. Hip-hop and music are very powerful vehicles, especially for our youth,” said King, who is also co-founder of DreamSharee.

On April 15 and 16, BSBG will launch a two-day event that kicks off with a seminar held at the University of Miami. The seminar is an interactive program that includes a panel of “green” experts, a Q-and-A session, a meet and greet with the panelists, contests and raffles, and a book signing by Dale Bell for the book Going to Green, written by Bell and Harry Wiland. Apple Levy, founder of The Green Girls – a Web site dedicated to living an eco-friendly life – will be there to discuss ways to implement “green” living into daily life.

The seminar is hosted by actress, musician and environmental activist Persia White, White, best known for her role as Lynn Searcy on the sitcom “Girlfriends,” joins Bell and Miami Beach Commissioner Jonah Wolfson to promote “green” awareness and she will be showing a clip from the film Intelligent Life, which she produced.

Through a series of music/video vignettes, the film explores the causes and effects of the unintentional impact we have on the world around us. It was the recipient of the Environ-
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

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
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 very 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 churn away 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 composer 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 intro to “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 “triplych”, 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 charity hopes 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 starting the car team that I started recently: Indecent Xposure,” Doerga, 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 Mini’s from the Mini’s of Miami Club.

SGA should be one council

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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.

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Kappa Alpha Psi obtains title

BRIAN AYALA Staff Writer

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.

Fike played a very aggressive and emotional game, which hurt them down the line.

“Some technical fouls, which with many fouls as well as free throws were going to kill us at the end of the game,” SigEp guard Natalie Iglesias said.

“Make it Rain” was the chant on the right side of the court, but Kappa’s offensive game and SigEp’s defense assured them the win.

Kappa Alpha Psi battled Pike played a very aggressive 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 added.

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

SIGMA PHI EPSILON 62, PH 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.

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

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 of 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 he fouled out.

However, the key to this game and to most of the postseason 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 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.

BASEBALL, page 10

Alfonso has career day in victory

CHRIS ADAMS/THE BEACON

a fastball and I just ripped 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 Cajun‘ Cajans 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.

FIU sophomore Raiko Alfonso [above] plastered his first and second home runs of the season in a 15-6 win over Louisiana on April 4.
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