Doctor’s research causes media uproar

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In recent months, headlines such as "The Anti-Lesbian Drug" and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered advocacy blog Blog2Stonewall’s "Homophobic Doctor Treats Pregnant Women" have suggested that Maria New, pediatric endocrinologist at the College of Medicine and Mount Sinai School of Medicine, has developed a scientific treatment aiming to prevent lesbianism in the womb.

The media frenzy began in February when Alice Dreger, a bioethicist from Northwestern University, and two other colleagues scrutinized New’s research into the use of a powerful steroid called dexamethasone to treat female fetuses affected by congenital adrenal hyperplasia.

The National Institute of Child Health and Development defines this disease as a group of inherited disorders of the adrenal gland in which an overproduction of male hormones occurs. CAH causes girls who are affected to have genitals that look more male than female along with a deep voice, thick body hair and facial hair although their internal sex organs are completely normal. Boys do not suffer from the genital defect, but tend to have early signs of puberty.

New claims that her developed use of dexamethasone, or dex, has successfully corrected genital ambiguity in CAH affected girls. According to New’s research, gender ambiguity in a CAH affected female can lead to serious risks.

A female with male genitalia who still has female internal sex organs may be raised as a boy; however, male genitalia would have to be removed to avoid complications arising in puberty, like menstruation.

If the child is reared as a girl she would have to endure complicated reconstructive surgery, which can lead to women feeling “ashamed of their genitalia [and unable] to have sexual intercourse because they have vaginal stenosis,” said New in an interview with Student Media.

With the treatment she has developed, New argues that children who have received the treatment would be better off raised as girls since they would have more opportunities for their futures.

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On March 30, 2010, President Barack Obama signed a new bill which changed the way students would acquire loans for school, leaving many to wonder if the changes would benefit their financial futures.

As directed by the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, all student loans will no longer be made under the Federal Family Education Loan program, but instead will be replaced by the Direct Loan program. This change was made because the Direct Loan program was found to be more reliable to students and also much more cost-effective for tax payers.

However, if a student has already taken out a loan under the FFEL program, the bill allows him/her to consolidate his/her loans under the Direct Loan Program from June 30, 2010 to July 1, 2011, as long as the borrower has not already began payments on those loans.

According to FIU Financial Aid Office Assistant Director, "Work smarter, not harder," is the mentality of many parents now, explained Adam Caratini, an alum who is Dominican...
Hispanics juggle cultures

People trying to understand identity is just as hard as trying to understand psychology

Marydelin Galvez, Professor
Mathematics

He further explained that being raised in the Cuban community, he felt he had become a part of it. “I consider myself multi-</p>
NEWS STORY

FIU’s Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine welcomed its second class in a ceremony on August 6. Student Media’s video footage captured the 43 aspiring doctors receiving their traditional medical white coats.

Coach Thomas
FIU men’s Isiah Thomas decided not to take a consultant job with the Knicks in light of a potential violation of NBA bylaws.

Miss Florida
Since July 21 there have been seven stolen vehicles and ten burglaries or thefts reported at the Modesto Maidique Campus.

FIU men’s Isiah Thomas decided not to take a consultant job with the Knicks in light of a potential violation of NBA bylaws.

Miss FIU Stephanie Jimenez competed in the Miss Florida walking away with two preliminary awards, evening gown and the scholastic achievement award.

Car Thefts
FIU Administration first welcomes student input, then disregards it as administration steamrolls flaccid campus-wide smoking ban.
Maidique returning to Harvard as a visiting professor.

Modesto A. Maidique, FIU president emeritus, will be returning to his Harvard roots as a visiting professor at the Harvard Business School this fall. Maidique, who served as a professor at HBS from 1976 to 1981, will be participating in the Harvard Leadership Initiative. This initiative is considered a school mission aiming to prepare educated leaders who remain at the forefront of business building.

Maidique’s work will focus on the continuation of his research on successful CEO decision-making.

“In these challenging economic times, we need strong leadership and sound decisions,” Maidique said in a press release from the Harvard Leadership Initiative. This initiative is considered a school mission aiming to prepare educated leaders who remain at the forefront of business building.

Linda Hill, the Wallace Brett Donham Professor of Business Administration at HBS and faculty chair of the leadership initiative, said Maidique’s long and impressive record of achievement as a scholar and educational leader will add new insights and perspectives to the school.

“Leadership is at the heart of everything we do at Harvard Business School, where our mission is to educate leaders who make a difference in the world,” Hill said.

Research for his extensive views into CEO decision-making comes from his work in academia as well as personal experience during his time as CEO of Collaborative Research, a genetic engineering company that is now called Genome Therapeutics.

“Preliminary research and my own 30 years of leadership experience point to ‘gut feel’ or intuition as being a determining factor in major CEO decisions,” Maidique said.

– Compiled by Alexandra Camejo


go to the web site, the “solar-powered house performs in real time by sensing and responding to the generation and acquisition of energy.”

Along with this design feature, Team FIU’s building has a unique quality from others in the competition – a house that can withstand hurricane and tropical storm conditions.

Team FIU designed a porch with shutter-like blinds that cover the whole house for its own protection from tropical storms and hurricanes.

“We are striving for the highest green sustainable system possible,” said Andy Madrigal, project manager, in an interview with Miami Herald.

The team decided on installing stations of solar thermal systems, which have the lowest possible impact on the environment and are very comfortable for the average family to live in.

“It’s a lot more challenging than the rest of the schools; it allows us to be more competitive because we can design a house that meets the tropical climate like Miami — it’s a significant advantage,” said Menendez.

The government is providing $100,000 while the University has to raise and additional $400,000.

Team FIU has public relations teams related to reaching out to the community and trying to gain a sponsor, but anyone can help Team FIU by donating towards the house.

“We have all these other universities and then in Miami, we have FIU; so I think it’s a good thing,” said Menendez, the winner of the Solar Decathlon.

The judges will determine the winner of the Solar Decathlon by choosing the house with the most successful energy balance in 10 categories, such as energy balance, design appeal or energy production and efficiency.

“Florida International is doing some amazing things with their home design. It is really important that they get the word out in the community to raise their funds and bring this project to life,” said Richard King, director of the Solar Decathlon in an interview with the Miami Herald.

With an average family’s mind set, one of the main goals is to build an affordable home. The team is being challenged with creating the house on a $250,000 budget. They’ve planned to create an outdoor pool that interacts with the inside of the house; interior correlating with the exterior.

It works by having the water be collected and recycled from nearly anything. It could be waste water from “laundry, dishwashing and bathing,” said Tyler Schwartz, landscape architecture team leader.

The house is being built in Miami and then has to be broken down and shipped to Washington, D.C., where it will be reconstructed in 18 weeks again.

“We’re one of the younger schools, but we are winners, that says a lot about our program,” Menendez said.
FOOTBALL

THE GOLDEN DECISION

Younger and Carroll vie for starting quarterback spot

JOEL DELGADO
Asst. Sports Director

It is doubtful that either Wesley Carroll or Wayne Younger could have envisioned that their paths would cross at FIU just a few short years ago.

Not long ago, both were in very similar positions in very different places. Both trying to prove something.

Their differing collegiate journeys has led them towards this battle to commandeer the Golden Panther offense this fall.

But despite the contrasts in how they arrived at this point, what they are in the end fighting for is something far simpler than a chance to be the signal-caller.

FALL FROM GRACE

Things were looking bright at Mississippi St. in 2007 when Carroll burst onto the scene as a highly-touted freshman and won the starting job from the incumbent starter.

Carroll flourished in his first year, helping the Bulldog's win eight games and record their first winning season in seven years.

In 2008, the year after Carroll earned a spot on the all-SEC freshman team when he helped guide Mississippi State to a bowl game win in his first season there, the standout out of St. Thomas Aquinas High School was the clear and undisputed starter at the beginning of the season.

Just four games into his encore performance, however, Carroll was yanked as the starter after throwing six interceptions in his first four games as the Bulldogs went 1-3 to start the year.

It became clear that Carroll, who just months before was heralded for his success as a freshman, was finished as a significant player in the Mississippi State offense and after coach Sylvester Croom was essentially forced to resign when the season was over, Carroll made the decision to make his way south Florida to play under coach Mario Cristobal at FIU.

BAPTISM BY FIRE

While Carroll was on the rise, Wayne Younger was handed the starting job for FIU in 2007 in Cristobal’s first season as head coach.

Entering the season as a redshirt freshman, Younger was called to lead a team coming off a 0-12 season. Carroll was also burdened with what was to be a long and rigorous rebuilding process, and in the end the walk-on quarterback struggled in 11 starts before going down with an collar bone injury against Florida Atlantic.

He failed to win a game as the starter and threw 17 interceptions.

The following season, Younger lost the quarterback battle with Paul McCall, who snapped the team’s 23-game losing streak in the finale against North Texas in December of 2007, just a week after Younger’s season ended against Georgia.

For the past two seasons, Younger had been relegated to a limited role and has started just in one game in the past two seasons, a loss against Middle Tennessee on the road in 2009.

With McCall’s senior season coming to a close, Younger will now have one last chance to reclaim the starting job he once possessed.

REDEMPTION

After having to sit out a year and running the scout team for the Golden Panthers during the 2009 season, Carroll will be looking to return to better days, like the ones where he helped turn St. Thomas Aquinas into a powerhouse high school program, leading the team to three state championship game appearances.

Younger, who has been balled as one of the more athletic players on the squad and has taken significant strides to improve his game, impressed coaches in spring and set the foundation for what has unfolded now in the days before the beginning of the fall semester.

Picking up where they left on spring, Cristobal opened up camp saying that both quarterbacks were on equal footing and “We threw them both into the fire, picking up where we left off in the spring...putting them in situations where they have to make a decision and they have to be accurate with the football,” Cristobal said. “It's a complete test and to run this offense you have to be sharp and at the same time make instantaneous decisions.”

After a week and a half of practice and a scrimmage on Aug. 14, Cristobal's first season as head coach.

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VOLLEYBALL

Senior Valentin embraces leadership role for rebuilding Panthers

JOEL DELGADO
Asst. Sports Director

If you don’t know where Natalia Valentin is on the court, it won’t take long for the average onlooker to find out where.

Whether it is during a practice session, taking a water break with her teammates or in the middle of a game situation, the senior setter has emerged as a leader with a strong vocal presence, constantly encouraging and pushing her teammates with an energetic attitude.

“The leadership role this year is pretty intense,” Valentin said of her new role.

“We have a lot of new players. They’ve been doing well and they want to keep this program successful, you can tell by the way they are practicing.”

Valentin understood that changes would have to be made in the way she approached this team, which consists of a number of new players that will have to learn to make the transition to the college game.

“Last year was hard on the girls and I wanted to keep their level of play high and I realize that I needed to be more supportive this year,” Valentin said. “My self-control has been better this year so I’ve been doing that in practice. There is pressure there but we’ll be fine.”

Valentin knew that just about everything about the upcoming fall would be different after last season came to a close.

As players reported for camp in early August, that notion was proven to be right.

After losing All-American standout Yarimar Rosa, Olga Vergun, Isadora Rangel and a number of other players from a team that was one win away from winning the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, an era came to a close for the Golden Panthers.

“We talked to her after her last season and before camp knowing that we were going to have a lot new players,” head coach Daniela Tomic said. “We were asking her to really step up even more as a leader of this team and she has done that so far.

Natalia is a player that always works hard, so we didn’t need to ask her to do more than what she’s done in the last three years. But it was doing more things off the court and so far she’s done a great job with that.”

Valentin would head into the 2010 season as one of only two seniors left on the roster and a team that features six newcomers, five of which are freshmen, some of which will be called on to contribute right away.

So far, she is confident that they will be able to do just that.

“Camp is going pretty well, better than I expected. The girls are working really hard and the enthusiasm that we have,” Valentin said. “The chemistry is good and we’re not just relying on one player.”

A large question mark looms over whether or not this team will be able to replicate its recent success with what essentially a brand new team that will have to make do without a force like Rosa in the lineup.

The answer lies in the ability of Valentin and the other returning players on this year’s squad to help the newcomers make the transition to the college game.

If the Golden Panthers are to maintain their recent success, these new players will
FOOTBALL: GEOFF COLLINS IMPACT

New defensive coordinator Collins having big impact

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Staff Writer

Defensive coordinator Geoff Collins is bringing the “juice” to Miami, and his unit can’t drink enough of it.

Not only is Collins implying a completely new defensive scheme, he is also bringing a slogan to the defense—Juice. Collins’ “juice” has inspired the entire defensive unit, especially senior linebacker Toronto Smith.

“We have the biggest hype man in the world in coach Collins, he gets us right,” said Smith. “He tells us, if you don’t bring the juice to the field, we have to do. The new kids are catching on. They’ve been doing what we’ve asked everything else will come in to play with each other on the court.”

Senior setter Natalia Valentin, middle, is approaching her first season as the undisputed leader of the Golden Panthers after the departure of All-American Yasmin Rasa.

Both players improving

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Collins refrained from giving out any names of those nose tackles.

According to Collins, he has no doubt that he expects this defense to have more blitz packages than normal. The blitzes will be carefully disguised to make life harder for the opponent’s quarterbacks.

“He is not going to sit there and let you read what he’s doing so you can pick him apart. He’s going to make it difficult on that quarterback,” said Mario Cristobal, head coach of the Golden Panthers.

Collins has also worked under Nick Saban at the University of Alabama as the director of player personnel and under George O’Leary at Georgia Tech and at UCF.

“You’re bringing in a guy who has coached under some of the best coaches...He is bringing a heck of a blueprint with him,” said Cristobal.

As his energy on the field isn’t enough, Collins also spends some of his time off the field inspiring his defense through Twitter.

Collins, who was also a recruiting coordinator, originally used his Twitter account for recruiting purposes while at UCF. He now uses his twitter account to preach his defensive mentality.

“The most measure of a defensive player’s value to the team is the distance between himself and the ball at the end of the play,” tweeted Collins.

In 2002, he became the defensive coordinator in Western Carolina, which had one of the worst defenses in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision.

By 2005, his unit at Western Carolina led the nation in pass defense and were ranked 18th overall in defense. He is replacing Phil Galliano, who ran a 4-3 defense.

“Juice” is also bringing a slogan to the defense. The focus of this system will be on stopping the run. The biggest similarity between the two is not that they are fighting for the same job or that they can both scramble out of the pocket and take off with the football. In the end, both men are fighting for the same thing: a second chance.

TOMIC: “These new kids are catching up real fast”

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Heralded freshman Ferguson ruled ineligible this fall

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FIU men’s basketball coach Isiah Thomas has had a turbulent ride thus far as team’s leader in between rumors of his departure, flirtations with the New York Knicks, and a 7-25 record in his first season.

But if there is one thing that has shined optimism in his short tenure at FIU it is the promise of his first full recruiting class, one which was set to feature Dominque Ferguson and Phil Taylor.

As it turns out, however, Thomas’ and the Golden Panthers have endured another setback. Ferguson and Taylor will not be on the court this fall, according to numerous reports.

Foxsports.com reported on Aug. 18 that Ferguson will be academically ineligible for the fall term but is expected to be on the court during the spring semester, where the team will play most of its conference schedule.

On Aug. 19, The Miami Herald not only reported Ferguson’s expected setback, but also that Phil Taylor will not play this fall either.

For Taylor, who was a rivals.com three-star prospect, the issue is not an academic one, according to his high school coach at Wheeler High in Ga., Doug Lipscomb.

The details in Taylor’s situation are unknown.

The Athletic Department could not be reached for comment, but NCAA rules do not allow school’s to address eligibility issues amongst their athletes. Ferguson, a four-star prospect who was originally committed to play for Kentucky before signing with the Golden Panthers.

Cristobal feels team is best in his tenure; Berry honored

TIM REYNOLDS
AP Sports Writer

FIU coach Mario Cristobal insists he’s never had a stronger football team since taking the Panthers’ program over four seasons ago.

And that strength, he says, comes in a variety of ways.

There’s the type built by countless hours inside a brand-new, 14,000-square-foot weight room that FIU insists will pay huge dividends for the team, especially since football workouts used to be held inside a former racquetball court with equipment older than some of the players.

Then there’s the type that arrived without warning last spring, when running back Kendall Berry — who would have been a key for FIU this season — was stabbed to death in an on-campus incident.

FIU plans to wear a decal on helmets to honor Berry this season, and he’s still very much in the Panthers’ minds.

“We feel that young man in our heart every day,” Cristobal said. “Not a day goes by when we don’t feel that. He’s made us closer as a team and as a family.”

The Panthers will need that strength, and plenty more, to make a leap in 2010.

Coming off a 3-9 season, FIU truly believes it’s on the cusp of being a program that might vie for bowl eligibility and a run at the Sun Belt Conference title.

“It’s so much better now than when we first got here,” said senior offensive lineman Brad Serini. “The culture, everything, it’s just changed into something totally different.”

If the Panthers are going to compete in the Sun Belt, the trick will be surviving the first month of the season.

FIU starts Sept. 11 at home against Rutgers, the first of four straight matchups against teams from college football’s power conferences.

“As a program that’s growing, without trying to posture it in any way, shape or form, you have four non-conference games and eight conference games,” Cristobal said. “Those four games are all individual opportunities to put FIU against some more nationally recognized teams on a national platform to see where we stand. And then we have our conference schedule ... there’s a lot to play for.”

There’s something else the Panthers won’t talk about much — Berry.

Cristobal and the players don’t want the entire focus of their season to be on the slaying, which took place in full view of several FIU students. Yet in private moments, Berry fuels this FIU team. He was going to have a breakthrough year, teammates say, so they feel necessary to have the breakthrough for him.

“We feel his spirit and we’re definitely family,” Serini said.

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FOOTBALL CLASSIFIEDS

Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society is seeking motivated students to establish a campus chapter. Contact: Director@PhiSigmaTheta.org
Recreation Center to host Madden ‘11 tournament

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The University Recreation Center will be holding a Madden NFL 11 Tournament on Sept. 18 that is expected to have between 25-40 participants. There is an entry fee of $15 due before the event.

There will be prizes involved, and the first place finisher will receive a copy of Electronic Arts’ Madden NFL 11 game for the PlayStation 3 console, and there will be shirts for those who finish second and third in the competition.

“The idea came together to raise funds for the [Rec Center] program as well as engage the University community and provide another activity for students to participate in,” Intramural and Club sports graduate assistant Ryan Amato said.

The Recreation Center is hoping to hold similar type events in the future. Amato will look to build off the success of the last few events.

“The Recreation Leadership Team held a World Cup indoor soccer tournament in the spring for much the same purpose and was quite successful, they are hoping Madden Tournament will be just as successful, which will lead to further such events to be announced,” Amato said.

Interested individuals can receive more information by inquiring about the tournament at either the front desk of the Recreation Center or in the membership services office of the recreation center.

Students can also learn about the tournament by stopping by the Recreation Center’s 5th year anniversary party being held in the Recreation Center beginning Aug. 23 through Aug. 26 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be prizes, giveaways, and free food, according to the Recreation Center.

SPORT GIFT

The Recreation Leadership Team is involved with a charity called Sport Gift. The goal is to collect used or unwanted sports equipment or uniforms which can be distributed to kids in poor countries.

There is a box located in the front of the facility and everyone is encouraged to drop their donations in this box. This drive will be ongoing throughout the fall semester, with collections being shipped at the end of each month.

For more information, contact 305-348-2951.
Students return to week of events

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Another summer’s worth of vacation has come and gone. As you muster up all strength for another year of classes, or possibly starting your first semester at FIU, remind yourself that among the classes, parking battles, and long lines at the bookstore, you’ve got a bunch of activities to help you get back into the swing of things.

Week of Welcome is a series of events taking place during the first week of the new semester across the University, all of which are free to all Golden Panthers. Besides promoting school spirit, WOW allows students the chance to familiarize themselves with on-campus organizations and meet students.

This fall semester’s Week of Welcome at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus is taking place from Aug. 24 to Aug. 27. Kicking things off is the Student Programming Council with a Facebook Event on Tuesday, Aug. 24, in the GC Pt. It runs from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

According to Cristina Rodriguez, SPC-MMC president, students will have the opportunity to take pictures under a blown up Facebook silhouette and either take them home or have them digitally sent to their phones.

They’ll also be giving away Facebook shirts and key chains with the signature thumbs-up “like.”

Later that night, SPC-MMC is also hosting a comedy show featuring Arvin Mitchell in Green Library 100. Mitchell is known for his impersonations, originally written material and clean style. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a show time of 6 p.m.

Thursday will play host to the University’s largest tradition, Trail of the Torch. Hosted by the Student Alumni Association, SAA, and running on its sixth year, the event commences at 7 p.m. at the Housing Quad and runs for two hours.

The procession features a candlelight march across the campus with the spirit of a giant pep rally. Be sure to come out and join your Golden Panther’s football team, Dazzlers, staff, and clubs for what is sure to be a memorable night filled with pride and unity.

SPC EVENTS

Facebook Pit Event
- Time: 11 a.m. 
- When: 8/24/10 
- Where: GC Forum

Arvin Mitchell
- Time: 6:00 p.m. 
- When: 8/24/10 
- Where: GL 100

Hypnotist Sailesh
- Time: 9:00 p.m. 
- When: 8/26/10 
- Where: GL 100

Dive in Movie
- Time: 8:00 p.m. 
- When: 8/27/10 
- Where: Housing Quad

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Greek councils organize Welcome BBQ

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Staff Writer

Greek life is a life long commitment that members of these organizations take seriously. Every Greek organization was founded on different ideals that members of these organizations dedicate themselves to live out every day. Some of these values and principles include brotherhood and sisterhood, philanthropy and community service, leadership, academics, and many more specific to each organization. Greek organizations pride themselves in trying to break the stereotypical mold of hazing and partying. 

“Each Greek organization is one of the few events where all four Greek councils are present. It allows anyone interested in Greek life who is unsure which council is right for them to meet all of the different organizations the University has to offer. From there, interested individuals can pursue recruitment. It is insightful because it allows you to see all the organizations that you are interested in.”

Sorority and fraternity life welcomes a wide variety of people. With more than 35 Greek organizations the University has to offer, there are many opportunities for students to get to know what Greek life is all about at the annual Sorority and Fraternity Life Welcome BBQ, to be held tomorrow, Aug. 24 at 7 pm.

The event is open to everyone and includes free food as well as the opportunity to socialize with many of FIU’s campus leaders. All four Greek councils will be present: Panhel, Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Multicultural Greek Council. 

“Our organizations are nationally recognized for the amazing things they do on campus and for the community. Greek life is a life long commitment that when done right could provide a university premier leadership opportunities,” said Gabe Villanueva, Interfraternity Council President.

Greek life may not be for everyone, but with more than 35 Greek organizations, the University offers a reasonable amount of options. Greek life has many different aspects that can appeal to a wide variety of people.

Each Greek organization was founded on different ideals that members of these organizations dedicate themselves to live out every day. Some of these values and principles include brotherhood and sisterhood, philanthropy and community service, leadership, academics, and many more specific to each organization. Greek organizations pride themselves in trying to break the stereotypical mold of hazing and partying. “The barbecue gives people an opportunity to dispel any stereotypes they may have about fraternities and sororities by allowing them to meet the individual members of each organization,” said Andrew Calienes, a senior fraternity member majoring in public relations.

Pre-recruitment events are a great way to get to know individual members in each organization and ask questions without any pressure. It is more relaxed than formal recruitment or rush events and requires no commitment. The Greek barbecue in particular is one of the few events where all four Greek councils are present. It allows you to see all the organizations that you are interested in.”

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Sometimes, people don’t want to jump around and move to play a game, preferring to sit down and play after a long day. This is especially a problem for Kinect, which has problems working if a person is sitting while trying to play with the device. 

Another issue is pricing. Since the equipment is not included with the console, you’ll need to drop a bit of money to be able to experience motion controls on the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. Kinect alone is another $150 while Move requires an extra $100. This means that just to produce innovative titles the gaming crowd, especially the more playing with friends, especially with titles like Guitar Hero or Wii Sports being a top choice at parties.

One thing the industry has been embracing is the idea of motion controls in order to make games less sedentary. In 2006, Nintendo’s Wii introduced the idea of motion control through the Wii Remote. Four years later, Sony and Microsoft are launching their own motion devices the Move and the Kinect, respectively—in time for the holidays.

When the concept was first demonstrated, it received a generally positive reception from the gaming crowd, especially for being a new way to play. Legend of Zelda franchise will debut with the option of motion controls.

Running around and slashing everything in sight according to how I moved the controller? Virtual reality was finally here without the cheesy ‘80s movie helmet and gloves.

That wasn’t the case when I picked up my controller on launch day and found I didn’t have that much control over the character and instead had to mindlessly shake the controller like a maraca to attack enemies.

The term “waggle-fest” was quickly coined by players when several other titles on the console relied on mindless shaking for controlling the game or simply using the controller like a gun to shoot at the screen.

Since then, many developers outside Nintendo have flooded the system’s library of titles with mini-games. Unfortunately, a sizeable chunk of these games can be likened to playing Duck Hunt on the Nintendo Entertainment System while having a seizure.

So kick back, relax, and press start to play. Video games have been a part of my life since I was only three years old, so you could say I was practically born with a controller in my hand. Super Mario Bros. was my first game.

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**FASHION FINDS**

Top picks for an easy, fall wardrobe

NATALIA LOPEZ  Contributing Writer

As the first week of fall approaches, Florida International University students have a variety of events they may attend in order to meet incoming and returning students and get accustomed to their new collegiate environment.

The Residence Hall Association at the University created a plan of action for students, targeting incoming freshmen and those living on campus.

This year, the main focus of the Resi- dence Hall Association is to support and collaborate with other organizations at the University. The purpose of partnering with other organizations is to engage a larger number of students.

On Aug. 26, the Residence Hall Association will host a pool party, called Dive in Movie. This event is a collaboration with the Student Programming Council and welcomes incoming students and returning students. There will be a big screen projector set up in the pool playing from Man 2. Inflata- bles will be placed inside the pool so that students may watch the movie from there.

During the pool party, the RHA will be handing out flyers to inform students on how to become a member of the Hall Council. This is an opportunity to hand out applica- tions to those interested in becoming more involved.

Residential Life has coordinated a Knock-Knock event where Resident Assistants go around knocking on new residents’ doors helping them out in any way they can.

The Play Fair is also an event that will be occurring on this day at 7 p.m. in the Recre- ation Center. During this event, there will be ice breakers and games that enable people to connect and meet each other. If you are new to the university, this is a great way to transition into the new environment.

On Thursday, Aug. 26 during the official Week of Welcome, the University hosts the Trail of the Torch. This is a University tradi- tion where the torch of knowledge is passed on from student to student. The torch is set in front of the Charles Perry building and is lit by a special guest. The torch is lit 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is repre- sented by candles.

“IT’s FIU's largest tradition,” said Chantel Anido, overall director of Week of Welcome. “The Torch is basically a ceremony to recognize the start of the academic year by having a block party, shows then announce- ments by Order of the Torch.”

The RHA supports every event occurring during Week of Welcome.

Greeks bring Shorty’s for welcome BBQ

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There will be food, giveaways, entertainment, and the first 250 SAA members who show up with a valid membership card will receive a Trail of the Torch shirt.

Immediately following the ceremony, SPC will be hosting the return of hypnotist Saiash in GL 100, Rodriguez’s pick for the can’t-be-missed event.

“His favorite part of the barbeque is seeing people that aren’t expecting to necessarily be into Greek life and end up enjoying it and wanting to join,” Villanueva said. “A lot of people who go to the barbecues end up going for the food or just to go with friends and end up interested themselves.”

Whatever their reason for attending, anyone and everyone is welcome.

The Greek councils recommend attending and taking advantage of the event for the opportunity to speak to many members of different organizations to decide whether Greek life is the right choice.

More information on Greek life can be found on the office of sorority and fraternity life’s website, www.fiu.edu/greeks.

Comedian and hypnotist welcome the students

WEEK OF WELCOME

**MONDAY, AUG. 23**

ASK ME TABLES

Find out about anything you need to know about FIU! WHEN: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
WHERE: Market Street Grand Opening
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Parking Garage 5

FIU FASHION SHOW

Students will walk the runway in style! WHEN: 12:00 p.m.
WHERE: FIU Everglades

WELCOME BACK NIGHT

Relish the start of the new school year! WHEN: 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
WHERE: FIU Arena & Noble House
HOE MUCH: Free

**TUESDAY, AUG. 24**

WAITERS WANTED

Find out about anything you need to know about FIU! WHEN: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
WHERE: Market Street Grand Opening
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: FIU Everglades

JAMBA-CISE

Work out with Jamba Juice WHEN: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
WHERE: FIU Everglades
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: FIU Everglades

FACEBOOK PVT EVENT

Learn about and receive free Facebook themed treats and prizes. WHEN: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
WHERE: FIU Everglades
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: FIU Everglades

Greek BBQ

Meet the four Greek councils and learn about Rush Week. WHEN: 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: FIU Everglades
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**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25**

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**THURSDAY, AUG. 26**

FREE POOL

Students will walk the runway in style! WHEN: 12:00 p.m.
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HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: FIU Everglades

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**FRIDAY, AUG. 27**

FREE POOL

Relish the start of the new year in the game room. WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: FIU Everglades
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: FIU Everglades

**SATURDAY, AUG. 28**

STAY. EAT. ROCK!

Refresh and Concert event WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: FIU Everglades
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: FIU Everglades

**SUNDAY, AUG. 29**

Laser Tag

Show your friends who rule at the outdoor event! WHEN: 3 p.m.
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**MONDAY, AUG. 30**

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9/12 “school” forces agenda on kids

When a child in Georgetown, Kentucky is asked “What did you learn in school today?” the response may be something along the lines of “I learned how we must save America from neo-liberal ideologies.” A select group of students and their teachers use a church basement in Georgetown as a classroom to learn about “real” American values.

According to an AP News article, the Kentucky 9/12 Project lesson plan doesn’t merely deal with “reading, writing, and arithmetic.” Instead, they deal with subjects such as “Recognize 9/12 doesn’t Create Rights,” Only God,” and “Understanding Falsehoods of Separation of Church and State.

The official website states that their lessons are based on the 9 Principles and 12 Values as listed by the Glenn Beck radio program. An article in the Georgetown News-Graphic notes that, while they are not directly affiliated with The Tea Party, KY912 shares many common views.

Granted, all teachers have a right their individual views on government, patriotism, and the like. But, those who aspire to be teachers and to represent their students, especially in diversity training, that to remain objective and keep their personal opinions out of their lesson plans.

Contrary to this principle, KY912 openly flaunts their influence under they highly subjective points of view of Beck and the Tea Party. They completely ignore the need for neutrality in education.

Furthermore, after looking at these 9 Values, all of them are based on the personal statements of various individuals from various points of time who have helped shape America, as these core values have changed in interpretation over time.

For example, one of the principles states that “The family is sacred. My spouse and I are the ultimate authority, not the government.” Kentucky 9/12 relies on the statements of various individuals from various points of time who have helped shape America, as these core values have changed in interpretation over time.

Instead, they take statements from various political figures and the Constitution out of context and twist them to fit into their political ideologies.

Instead they also oppose opposing viewpoints with appeals to emotion and hysteria instead of good evidence to support their claims. Such behavior shows that their ideas are not solidly based for educating children in the ways of American citizenship.

I am greatly disappointed in the organizers of KY912 and their supporters. It is unfair for them to use these children, who are not equipped to form their own opinions and can be easily skewed if they attempt to debate against them.

It is an attempt to brainwash youth into sharing their views. Instead, KY912 should stick to sharing their views in the streets away from the teacher’s desk.

It is clear to The Beacon Editorial Board that this agenda is to push their ideas, to raise the profile of the program and get students interested in politics.

Thomas’ actions leave the editorial board wondering not if, but when he’ll leave FIU and whether Garcia will be prepared to fill the void in time. While two years in the nush may help, he has not formally entered the draft.

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By introducing different perspectives, my hope is that people will critically think and not be swayed by the organizers of KY912 and their political ideologies.

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Criminalizing prostitution good for public safety for justice

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On July 23rd, salacious images of nearly nude women being prosecuted for offering sex for exorbitant sums of money were conjured up as Miami newspapers and blogs were splashed with sensational headlines detailing the bust of a large prostitution ring.

The operators and several sex workers of “Miami Companions” have been charged with conspiring to coerce prostitution and money laundering.

Because the city of Miami is in a precarious economic situation, it is necessary and poignant to examine what our tax dollars have achieved in this bust. The investigation and arrests did not stimulate the economy in any way, our community is no more functional, and our system is not more functional, and our laundering.

The operators and several sex workers as criminals only in the culture of prostitution to a dangerous under- ground that lacks any regulation, disease prevention, and ethics.

In addition to sex workers, the rate of children trafficked into prostitution offers another compelling case for legal- isation. According to ECPAT USA (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) the “average age of entry into street prostitution is between 12 and 14 years old.”

The perpetuation of a legal system whose focus is on prohibiting prostitution diverts police attention away from these far more pressing matters.

Legalisation and regulating the practice of adults exchanging sex for money would illuminate the underground subculture and make trafficked children far more visible.

Furthermore, sex workers would be far more likely to report instances of both juvenile and adult trafficking.

The comparisons between Amsterdam’s progressive and tolerant approach and Boca’s system of shaming and arresting are alarming. The Netherlands govern- ment offers a logical and prag- matic approach that helps to protect society from exploitation and abuse. Because it is a legal occupa- tion, there is an integrity to uphold the laws and comply with licences and regulations.

According to Amsterdam Info, a travel agency, website, tourist provi- sion has been allowed to legally ply their trade since October 2002. Today, prostitutes in the Nether- lands are also taxpayers. Unfortu- nately, we are and will be far more part and parcel in this as many prostitutes report that some banks even refuse to grant mortgages.

However, being a legal profes- sion, the government ensures that all prostitutes are able to access health care, work in a better condition by regulating and moni- toring working practices and stan- dards. The conscious legal and social tolerance of prostitution is an integral part of an admirable model of allegiance to upholding human rights.

The American model of pros- ecution and imprisonment of sex workers illustrates the total disconnect the legal system has to sex workers. If there is a concern about prostitution, then one is concerned about a poverty-stricken woman turning to sex work as her last resort, influencing an arrest record on them with such stigmatized charges is not exactly a resume builder.

Should the United States contribute this non-violent model of prosecuting sex workers, it will stand as a model of intolerance and useless spending on a profession that has no other endpoints regardless of the legal climate.

SOCIAL COMMENTARY

Virginity overrated by unrealistic expectations

MAIJA FERNANDEZ
Contributing Writer

Most college students can agree that their first time in the sack, or if you’d like me, in the back seat of a broken down car, isn’t all that great.

Maybe it’s because people refer to it as “losing your virginity” that we have a miscon- ception of it being something special. I refer to it as “getting rid of your virginity”, because that’s what it really is happening during that first sexual encounter. The sooner you rid yourself from it, the sooner your future encoun- ters will be considered consensual.

Our society has a love-hate relationship with double standards, especially when it comes to purity. It seems as though many people, espe- cially women, place their virginity on a silver platter, handing it to someone that they feel is their “one and only” while most men dispose of it as quickly as possible.

They have a built-in yet the right idea, and if women want to contribute to this already changing “man’s world”, the same world that they build—in must start to think like one by not giving their virginity a special meaning. The fact is your “one and only” is yourself. At the end of the day, you’re going to live with yourself forever, not the person you first “gave” yourself to.

Many moons ago, men and women married at very young ages, while recent times show that people are getting married much later in life. This means that the older generations could “keep it in their pants” until marriage because they got hitched younger than the current generation.

They were still ridding themselves of their innocence around the age as our current generation does. Perhaps, it’s the higher level of education that some of us seek that keep us from marrying so young, and the very reason why it is so difficult to get rid of your virginity before marriage.

Don’t let the older generation’s stories fool you. I believe that you have to wait until marriage to perform an “act of love,” when they themselves didn’t have to wait long. They just needed a piece of paper to tell them that it was okay to express themselves sexually.

The only way to get good at something is if you practice, so if marriage is the “green light” to get rid of your virginity, then the honeymoon won’t be all that great.

Actually, it’s going to be an awkward, possibly painful and boring disaster on a white tuna sandwich, I wish you good luck, and the first time should not be on a wedding day. Sexual prob- lems happen to be one of the many leading causes of divorce in America.

Although, one may argue that you have the rest of your lives to show each other a good time and become better sexually, a good sexual relationship will help build the foundation for your marriage and may elongate a marriage, so you might as well become sexually acquainted with each other way before the “I do’s”.

Change your mind about getting divorced anyway, but at least one of the leading causes of divorce can be scratched off as a reason for your failed marriage. Pre-marital sex is also the only way to “test drive” before a purchase, and it’s also a fabulous way to find out if you have the poten- tial ex-husband or ex-wife is selfish or not.

Only you can determine the right time to begin, but to the fact that everyone matures at different times of their lives.

There are many sexually transmitted diseases, so it’s vital that the sexually active couple use protection and get tested. They must also always use contraceptive measures if they do not want to get pregnant or get pregnant and get contracepted in the clue that a baby is conceived.

You’re always going to have some sort of attraction for your first partner, so it’s important to note that you shouldn’t be in love, maybe just in lust. Like what Sheryl Crow says, “The first cut is the deepest”, so instead of being in love with him, just ask your sex partner makes things that much easier to move on to the next one.

State legislature has not learned from Gulf disaster

MICHAEL FOLEY
Contributing Writer

It’s surprising, perhaps even staggering, that in the tumultuous post-British Petro- leum oil spill, the advancement for more oil drilling off of our coasts has gained steam in the Florida Legislature.

While other states in prime oil reserves possess quotas plans for oil drilling, Florida looks towards bringing that evil closer to home.

We need to change our perspective, and look at this issue with greater scrutiny. Florida should handle this issue with more circum- spect and realize its inherent consequences.

Offshore drilling can be beneficial to some individuals and the state, but the risks far outweigh the benefits.

We were once under an ahed idea has become the favorable view shared by many in Florida. Proponents for offshore drilling were born in the midst of the astonishing gas prices that this state and nation faced some five years ago. The idea reached new heights this past March when President Obama advocated opening over 167 million acres of water to big oil companies, twenty-five million acres of which will be in the Gulf.

Then on April 28, only eight days after the infamous BP oil spill, the Florida House of Representatives overwhelmingly gave the approval to allow negotiations to happen between the state and the companies. The signing of such a deal would reverse the nineteen-year-old ban on drilling in this state’s waters.

To make matters worse, in late July the Florida legislature rejected putting a proposed constitutional ban on oil drilling on the August 24 ballot.

The Republican administration in Florida Legislatures rejected Charlie Crist’s proposition for allowing Florida residents to vote on the controversial issue. Therefore, it seems quite obvious that Florida is blazing a trail towards offshore oil drilling. Florida should consider a number of possible factors before blindly consenting to offshore drilling.

First and foremost, offshore oil drilling doesn’t remove our dependency on foreign oil like many proponents believe. We still rely on foreign oil even in the wake of various states approving the measure. It could take ten years before the oil drilled is of legal use to consumers, and even if this oil was used in the form of petroleum, it would only affect the gas prices of this nation by some five cents.

Oil drilling does produce other prod- ucts such as aluminum and natural gas. However, these products make up less than five percent of total oil consumption in the US.

Secondly, there can be many causes of oil spills. Metal fatigue, equipment failure, human error, towline failure, and bad weather can all account for oil rig failures. Granted, these failures are of relatively rare, but they take only one mishap to cause a massive loss of life and damage to the environment.

Lastly, the royalties Florida would receive from the oil companies is a far cry from the profits that tourism brings at. With tourism losses in the billions, the advancement of offshore drilling oil offshore puts Florida’s largest economic sector at risk for the potential benefit of $2 billion from oil companies.

Just one incidence of an oil spill can cause rippling effects to tourism and diminish Florida’s world-renown beaches. They also attest that accidents like the one recently experienced in the Gulf is a fluke, an unparalleled event of calamity. Florida would be “tripping over the dice to pick up the nickel” if it allowed the oil industry to

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Campus growth seen over 20 years
After two decades, Joyce Peterson steps down from her position

Joyce Peterson, former associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, was a part of BBC for over 20 years before deciding to step down as an administrator on Aug. 12.

Joyce Peterson can remember when Biscayne Bay Campus seemed to have more crustacean-clawed creatures than students.

“I don’t know if lately you’ve noticed a few times when you drive into campus that there have been crabs crossing the roads,” Peterson reminisced in an interview with Student Media. “Well, back in the old days there used to be lots and lots of them and sometimes you could hear them scratching outside your doors in those trailers.”

The associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences announced that this summer was her last in her decades-long administrative position and her final day was Aug. 12. When Peterson began teaching as an assistant professor of history in 1978, BBC was only a year old. In the early days, the campus consisted of only the Trade Center Building, now the Hospitality Building, and trailers along a walkway that served as the professor’s offices. There was no separate library, only a noodleful of books in the Trade Center Building.

But modest hopes existed for the presence of arts and sciences on campus. The initial plan was to incorporate only introductory science courses without research labs, and to offer only social science degrees. The construction of Academic One, BBC’s first academic building helped. More ambitious ideas for CAS began to grow, once professors were situated in the new, concrete building.

Peterson explained that originally the humanities degree was exclusive to BBC. Today most degrees exist on both campuses. Therefore CAS doesn’t have any degrees exclusive to BBC. However, more and more of Marine Biology is moving to BBC, as is the focus on marine science in general.

“The thing we’ve done most recently is to develop this emphasis on coastal environment, so that there’s now a certificate students can earn on coastal environment, and that’s become more of a focus also,” Peterson said referring to her involvement in developing the Certificate in Coastal Environment.

“I am no different. After a whole semester at BBC I must say I prefer the quieter and more laid-back feeling I get from BBC. I am also The Beacon’s main student representative to BBC. So what ever concerns you may have regarding the campus, or the University as a whole, don’t hesitate to stop by the BBC office, send me an email or stop me in the hallways and let me know what’s up. Whether they be serious issues, campus events, new developments or a person you feel deserves a spotlight. Return Beacon readers will notice that At The Bay is now on the back page of the newspaper. This was done in an attempt to attract more readers, but being in that prime piece of newspaper space alone will not accomplish that goal.

To bring in readers there has to be compelling content in the section as well. This is the goal of any and all section editors, and I am no different. I will take and combine what I’ve learned from the previous BBC Managing Editors, Jasyn Elliott and Pamela Duque, and the former Student Media News Director, now Editor-in-Chief of The Beacon, Jorge Valens, to maintain the standards that have been set for At The Bay and hopefully build it into one of the premier sections in The Beacon. I will make sure the next BBC Managing Editor has big shoes to fill. I am sorry, I couldn’t help myself.

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