Doctor’s research causes media uproar
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Asst News Director

In recent months, headlines such as Newsweek’s “The Anti-Lesbian Drug” and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered advocacy blog BloggingWhileStonewall’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 genitalia that look more male than female along with a deep voice 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 fibrosis,” said New in an interview with Student Media.

With the treatment she has developed, New argues that children who have received...
Doctor frustrated with allegations waged by concerned bioethicists

Pre-natal treatment goes on to lead normal lives with no cognitive impairing or medical complications (such as obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure), New said. “A lot of people stick to the dominant culture and try to understand it as hard as trying to figure out your traditions and fight for them,” Martinez-Bustos said.

Martinez-Bustos still craves her birth, an appreciation for the new customs, which she said, “I feel very bad that this woman attacks me when I really feel that I’m helping children and families,” New told a local radio.

New disagrees. “In fact, I don’t make my living attacking or exonerating scientists,” Dreger said in an interview with Student Media. “I make my living doing scholarship and following the data; that’s what scholarship is. All we’re asking for is here for Dr. New to respond to the facts we’ve put forward.”

The allegations that New’s research is airtight and there is no basis for her work. “There are mixed emotions, but the nation and FIU are concerned with the role of human bodies, and is breaching every kind of principle regarding human development. It’s very unfortunate how these ‘doctors’ are trying to diminish our country’s sense of diversity by creating this sort of ‘new’,” said Christian Rodriguez, vice president of Delta Lambda Phi, a University fraternity for gay, bisexual, and progressive men.

These kinds of accusations have infuriated New. “We may be positioned as radicals in this, but they’re actually in agreement with us. They’re just saying we’re coming on too strong,” Dreger insisted that organizers associated with New and her research should carefully consider the argument against her. Along with 32 professionals in bioethics and allied fields, Dreger and Dr. Blackwell of the Federal University have addressed a letter raising concerns to FIU, the FDA, Mount Sinai, the OHRP, and Weill Cornell.

“Part of the reason we’re concerned with the role of OHRP is because Dr. New’s position has in charge of overseeing research and this looks like a potential violation of research ethics,” said Dreger.
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.

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Maidique returning to Harvard as a visting 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 continu-ation 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 University’s Media Relations. “Working along some of the best minds in this field at Har- vard, we can further understand the difference between good and bad CEO decisions.”

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 in the area of his research on successful CEO decisions “is a significant advantage,” said Andy Deane, a visiting professor at the Harvard Business School.

Hills said: “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 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 is a complex from nearly anything. “We're one of the younger teams, and if we win, that's a good thing.”

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 commun-ity to raise their funds and get this project to life,” said Richard King, director of the Solar Decathlon in an inter-view with the Miami Herald.

With an average fami-ly’s mind set, one of the main goals is to build an affordable home. The team is being chal-lenged 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 recy-cled 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.

“We’re one of the younger schools, we may win, that says a lot about our program,” Menendez said.
VOLLEYBALL

Senior Valentin embraces leadership role for rebuilding Panthers

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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 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 hovers 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

IGOR MELLO
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 hypeman 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, than stay in the locker room.”

Collins is already familiar with the sunshine state, he was the line-buckers coach at University of Central Florida for the last two years.

Making the trip to Miami to become a coordinator was a no-brainer for Collins. “I’m like LeBron [James], you can’t say no to South Beach,” said Collins, according to the Miami Herald.

Collins will have his hands full. He will go from having the fourth best running defense in the nation to inheriting the worst running defense in the Sun Belt conference with FIU.

Nationally, the Golden Panthers were ranked 119th in total defense in 2009. But this isn’t anything new to 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 Galiano, who ran a 3-4 defense.

“Juice brings juice...and heart to our defense,” said senior defensive back Anthony Gaitor, who has been studying the playbook ‘night and day.”

Alongside the new “juice,” he has given to these players, Collins has also implemented a new scheme for the defense. The focus of this system will be on stopping the run.

“It’s a total 360 [degree] on our identity,” said defensive end Tourek Williams “That’s what coach Collins stresses to us, if we stop the run, everything else will come in to place.”

The first-year coordinator at FIU will implement a far from traditional, hybrid style of defense for the Golden Panthers.

Expect the defense to line up in the 3-4 and 4-3 formations as well as numerous styles of nickel schemes this season.

If the defense sticks to a 3-4 formation, he expects about four to five players competing for the nose tackle job.

Collins refrained from giving any names of those nose tackles.

Although the defense is still studying the playbook, Smith feels confident that speed will make up for any mistakes made in this defense.

“We were still learning the defense, so it’s not at 100 percent. Hustling overcomes everything.”

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.

“Juice 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.

Both players improving

VICTORIA VILLAFANE/THE BEACON

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

Effective offense in the Sun Belt Conference, a unit that averaged more than 14 kills per set and more than 13 assists per set on their way to 32-4 record and a perfect conference record in the regular season.

Valentin finished ninth in the country in total assists and helped set up the most effective offense in the Sun Belt Conference, a unit that averaged more than 14 kills per set and more than 13 assists per set on their way to 32-4 record and a perfect conference record in the regular season.

Now she looks to build on that success and end her collegiate career on a high note.

“I can’t wait to start playing,” Valentin said. “I’m kind of sad that it’s my last year, but I want to go out there and finish strong.”

In the end, both men are fighting for the same thing: a second chance.
Heralded freshman Ferguson ruled ineligible this fall

JONATHAN RAMOS
Sports Director

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 it’s 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, is expected to be on the court during the spring semester.

FOOTBALL

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.

“That’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.

CLASSIFIEDS

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Phil Taylor will also miss fall term for unknown reasons

Panthers, has impressed teammates this summer in unofficial scrimmages. The 6-foot-8 forward told Student Media over the summer that was looking forward to bringing his versatility to the team, and that Thomas likened his game to that of Los Angeles Lakers forward Lamar Odom. Ferguson and Taylor were part of Thomas’ first recruiting class, one in which he had a full period to seek players, unlike his first class in 2009, which was put together in a short amount of time.

The two players joined Richard Pack, Eric Frederick, and Dejuan Wright when they signed with FIU, giving Thomas the 17th ranked class in the nation by hoop-scoop.com.

Thomas confirmed that he would join the Knicks front office in a consultant capacity recently, only to back away from the commitment after citing potential conflict of interest issues.

Recreation Center to host Madden ‘11 tournament

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.

WORKING THE LINES

The Golden Panthers offensive line unit goes through individual drills during a training camp practice.

RECREATION

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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 Pit. It runs from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

According to Cris-tina 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. Having emerged on the scene from the “BET” network, 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. No tickets are necessary, so remember to bring your Panther ID for admission.

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.

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**SPC EVENTS**

**Facebook Pit Event**
- Time: 11 a.m.
- Where: GL 100
- When: 8/24/10
- Where: GC Forum

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

**Hypnotist Sailesh**
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GREEK LIFE

Greek councils organize Welcome BBQ

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Sorority and fraternity life welcomes the University community back every school year with free food and a chance 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 p.m.

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: Panhellicn Council, 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 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.

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MOVING IN

Imrena Dedic, junior psychology major (right), moves into the Lakeview South dormitory on Aug. 20.

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PRESS START

New motion tech must learn from Wii shortfalls

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.

Games are becoming less about sitting alone trying to slay a dragon or create a new track, and more about 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 when Nintendo revealed its 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 console 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 flopped 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 understand that with this precedent, I’m a little nervous about Kinect and Move. Kinect for the Xbox 360 is a neat gadget. It’s a camera that can measure your height, distance and track your movement and allows you to interact with a game similarly to virtual reality shown in films, but you are truly the controller. It can keep track of up to six people simultaneously.

Meanwhile, PlayStation 3’s Move takes a more conservative route with a wand-like controller design. For this reason, it’s been blasted by critics for being a lazy knockoff of the Wii Remote, despite a greater ability to recognize movement and depth without an add-on device.

The two devices have a steep hill to climb, not only in hoping developers can embrace their potential to produce innovative titles and not future bargain bin games, but from laziness or exhaustion as well.

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 a straitjacket or 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 add-on device.

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With the two devices set to propel a new console war this holiday season, the onus is on Microsoft, Sony and software developers to make their respective devices shine. The Wii already cornered the market and is highly successful, despite the plethora of mini game collections.

Their biggest challenge will be to show they do what Wii does, but better.

Press Start is a video game column that will run every other Monday.
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**Organizations join to greet residents**

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 WOW. The event is open to the public and will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Housing Quad Pool for the themed yo-yos being given away. Same policy regarding admission applies. Closing off the week of free festivities is SPC’s Friday movie night. Make your way to the Housing Quad Pool for the “Dive In” featured flick, “Iron Man 2”.

The film starts at 8:00 p.m., but try to arrive half an hour in advance to ensure you have the best seat in the house. Splash around in the water, or lay back on the grass; the choice is yours. Enjoy a night of action and waves with your fellow Panthers all while munching on free food and just go to friends and end up interested themselves. Whatever their reason for attending, 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 right choice. More information on Greek life can be found on the office of sorority and fraternity life’s website, www.fi u.edu/greeks.

**Comedian and hypnотist welcome students**

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 Sailesh in GC 100. Rodriguez’s pick for the can’t-be-missed event.

“He came last year and was so popular that we’re bringing him back,” she adds.

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**Greek BBQ**

**WEEK OF WELCOME**

**MONDAY, AUG. 23**

**ASK ME TABLES**

Find out about anything you need to know about FIU.

WHERE: Parking Garage 5

**WELCOME BACK NIGHT**

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**FIU FASHION SHOW**

Students work the runway in style.

WHERE: 12:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 24**

**Jamba-ize?**

Work out with Jamba Juice.

WHERE: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**Greeks BBQ**

Meet the four Greek councils and learn about Rush Week.

WHERE: 7:30 p.m.

**ARVIN MITCHELL**

Check out a comedy show with Arvin Mitchell.

WHERE: 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25**

**ASK ME TABLES**

Find out about anything you need to know about FIU.

WHERE: Market Station Grand Opening

**MARKET STATION GRAND OPENING**

WHERE: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**FACEBOOK PIT EVENT**

Have fun and learn about what organizations stand for.

WHERE: Monday of Welcome Week

**Greeks bring Shorty’s for welcome BBQ**

Want to keep track of everything SPC has to offer during Week of Welcome? Information can be found on the club’s web site www.fi u.edu/spc, Facebook or Twitter (FIUSPC). Text FIUSPC to 41411 for special text message alerts, and be on the lookout for street team members promoting events around campus.

“Welcome Week of SPC serves as an appetizer so to speak for all of the amazing events we have planned for our students this year. It’s a perfect opportunity to get to know us and kick-off your semester with some free, fun entertainment,” said Rodriguez.
9/12 “school” forces agenda on kids

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Asst. Opinion Editor

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 to make America from neo-conservative ideology.”

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 Don’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 must understand, especially in diversity training, that are remain to be acknowledged and keep their personal opinions off 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.

Moreover, after looking at these 9 Values, all of them are based on the personal statements and opinions of American history, namely George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Thomas Jefferson. Although both of them had a large hand in shaping America, they are only two men and two points of view.

A true understanding of American values should include references from various individuals from various periods 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 “Family is sacred.” My spouse and I are the ultimate authority, not the government.” But, KY912 will not include this information because they want to push their personal agenda on the minds of unsuspecting children.

Also, both Beck and The Tea Party are by no means the sole authority on American values. Neither of them have created original viewpoints that are regarded as universal fact. Instead, they take statements from various political figures and the Constitution out of context and twist them to fit into their own political ideologies.

They also respond to opposing viewpoints with appeals to emotion and hysteria instead of evidence to support their claims. Such behavior shows that their ideas are not a solid base for educating children in the ways of American citizenship.

I am highly 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 squelched if they attempt to debate against them.

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

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 keeps us from marrying so young, and the very reason why it is acceptable to get rid of your virginity before marriage.

Don’t let the older generation’s stories fool you into believing 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 they were married and could express sexually themselves. 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 tablecloth, so the first time should not be on a wedding day. Sexual problems 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 of your marriage. If you can’t even manage a night, so you might as well become sexually acquainted with each other way before the “I do’s.”

Chances are you’re not going to get divorced anyway, but at least one of the leading causes of divorce can be shrugged 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 fantastic way to find out if you’re compatible with someone else’s ex-husband or -wife is selfish or not.

Only you can determine the right time to be sexually active, due 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’re capable of becoming pregnant in the chance that a baby is conceived.

You’re always going to have some sort of attachment to your first partner, it’s natural 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 not being in love with your adolescent partner makes things much easier to move on to the next one.

There is a system of shaming and arresting are alarming. The Netherlands government offers a logical and pragmatic approach that helps to protect sex workers from exploitation and abuse. Because it is a legal occupation, there is an integrity to uphold the laws and comply with licenses incurred in the process.

According to Amsterdam Info, a tourism website, bird prostitutes have been allowed to legally ply their trade since October 2000. Today, prostitutes in the Netherlands are also taxpayers. Unfortunately for law enforcement, it is still a huge part and parcel in this as many prostitutes report that some banks even refuse to grant them a loan. However, being a legal profession, the government ensures that all are protected, all work is better conditions by regulating and monitoring working practices and standards. The conscious legal and social tolerance of prostitution is a progressive and admirable model of allegiance to upholding human rights.

The American model of prosecution and imprisonment of sex workers illustrates the total disconnect the legal system has to sex workers. If there is a concern about prostitution, the largest industry in the world, let alone “respect” and “sex worker” go hand in hand with that stigma.

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Bus schedule expanded to meet the needs of students

The new bus schedule is meant to benefit the student body through its cost effectiveness, the timely manner in which the students will have to arrive on time to classes as well as being more involved in school activities at both campuses.

Peterson steps down as associate dean of Arts & Sciences

Peterson can list many other accomplishments in her time as associate dean. She credits this to working in a “collective enterprise” of faculty that focused on providing core curriculum courses for students in all majors.

Peterson was an also an activist for Arts and Sciences majors specifically: today, a few are offered fully on BBC. “I am proud to have been part of a faculty community that valued teaching and research across disciplinary lines,” Peterson said.

The long-time administrator said the CAS is “embarking on a new definition” for itself for BBC focused around the School of Environment and Society. “I have great hopes that will give us a new, more coherent definition and sense of ourselves so that we can begin to grow and develop around a theme that everyone can at least somewhat contribute to,” Peterson said.

Ken Furtan, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, met Peterson in 2001 when he came to the dean’s office as assistant dean. He said in an interview with Student Media that Peterson has specifically attributed to the campus in two main ways: firstly, her “essential involvement” in helping women’s studies to flourish, saying that “her focus on it will leave a lasting mark.”

Secondly, he points to her work in bringing Marine Science to BBC. The Marine Science building opened in 2006. “The School of Environment and Society was built on the foundation she laid,” Furtan said. “The way I see it, the new school will be a longstanding theme for her.”

“Stepping down now is giving me a sense of sort of a new life,” Peterson said. “It’s going back to some things, it’s giving me time to do some new things I haven’t done in terms of research and teaching in a long time, so that I can focus on those things.”

She said she’s ready to forget about all of the sort of day-to-day problem-solving and other people problems and start focusing more directly on things that she wants to do with her academic career.

Peterson assured the group that she’ll come back to the University to teach after her sabbatical. She said she’s ready to forget about all of the sort of day-to-day problem-solving and other people problems and start focusing more directly on things that she wants to do with her academic career.

Peterson recalled what she’s loved most about her time as associate dean. “Working with both students and faculty on this campus, where there’s a real sense of community [and] people working together to build something together,” Peterson said. “That’s been very gratifying.”
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.

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Staff Writer

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 few small 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.

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Golden Panther Express now has twice as many trips

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Students and staff frustrated with the Golden Panther Express can breathe easier: starting today, the University’s inter-campus transit system has expanded its schedule.

Through the joint efforts of both Helena Ramirez and Kristin ‘Cici’ Battle, Student Government Council presidents at Modesto Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus, respectively, a meeting was set up with William Foster, executive director of the Department of Parking and Transportation, to discuss the buses and the problem of students’ needs not being met. The three organizations agreed to expand the bus schedule to a 46-trip bus schedule as opposed to the 24-trip schedule that was previously implemented.

This amounts to 23 trips a day from MMC to BBC and 23 the other way. The previous schedule was 12 trips a day from campus to campus.

Foster clarifies that although there are more bus routes, the need for more buses and drivers is not needed, therefore the cost of this expanding bus system remains the same. A roundtrip ticket from one campus to the other is $4. There are several other options students can choose from if they decide to take the Golden Panther Express.

GPE 1 is a one-way ticket from one campus to the other for $2.00, the three other options that are available are based on the previous 24 trips.

EDITOR’S NOTE

Goal for section: maintain standards, build on them

For newcomers, welcome to Biscayne Bay Campus. For those returning, welcome back. My name is Philippe Buteau, but call me Phil.

After a whole semester at BBC and one going back and forth between both campuses, I have to 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 whatever 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.

Returning 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, Jaslyn Elliott and Pamela Dugge, 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.”

Sorry, I couldn’t help myself.

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