Beheadings, hangings plague Tijuana

A rash of decapitations and other gruesome killings have hit Tijuana since Mexican President Felipe Calderon visited the border city last week and called it a success in his drug war.

Students may think of the Green Library as a place to socialize, a study spot, a resource center or refuge from a noisy day. However, GL has recently become a center for something unexpected— theft.

An email recently addressed to the student body brought attention to a series of crimes in and around GL, involving the theft of students’ belongings.

As shocking as it may seem, Claudia Zapata, the University Libraries’ administrative assistant, said that “incidents like this happen all the time and students really must be more careful.”

“It is important to be on the look-out for such things, since people do not limit themselves to just stealing laptops, but cell phones and other belongings as well,” Zapata said.

The email disclosed that the laptops stolen have often been left unlocked, with the screens on. According to Zapata, an incident just like this occurred two weeks ago. “Two subjects came up to a girl and stole her laptop in GL’s first floor,” she said. “The girl even screamed.”

It is her hope that the publicity of this incident will push students to be more responsible with their belongings. She stated that tighter security around GL would undoubtedly alleviate these issues, but recognizes that budget cuts constrain that from happening.

“I think there should be more security monitoring the floors and trying to make sure that they instill fear into the people who have been stealing,” said Patricia Dennis, a junior majoring in English and criminal justice.

Public Safety is taking these concerns into consideration, and has been investigating the recent spike in thefts.

According to Ricardo Torres, Public Safety’s law enforcement lieutenant, the department is taking these crimes very seriously.

“We are working towards apprehending these subjects. [However], there are very few details yet on this case,” Torres said.

Due to the case’s active stage of investigation, the University police department cannot disclose much information. For now, all that is known is a brief description of the subjects who stole the laptop: black males wearing black shorts and T-shirts.

According to Torres, there are simple ways that a student could avoid putting themselves at risk for these types of burglaries.

“Students must take safety measures in order to minimize walking around isolated areas; they should walk in pairs as well as make good use of their common sense,” Torres said.

Along with awareness of their surroundings, Torres urges students to be cautious about the way they transport and care for their belongings. Any item can be subject to theft.

“I’ve been on the look-out since I received that email notification; now I even notice the warning signs on the elevators,” Diego Saldana, a freshman, said.

Torres hopes that students as well as staff know that Public Safety emergency phone numbers are open and available 24 hours a day, every day of the week.

While the safety of both the students and faculties are being taken into consideration, the main targets in this string of crimes have been students.

MEXICO

Nobel Prize winner Krugman talks economic crisis

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News Director

With a lecture titled “The Crisis: Year Three,” Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman brazened his audience right away: “This is not going to be a happy talk.”

Krugman spoke at Graham Center room 140 which had both students and faculty sitting on the floor due to being filled to capacity. His lecture focused on the economic crises of recent decades and the steps that can be taken in order to restore prosperity and was sponsored by the University’s Department of Economics, The School of International and Public Affairs, Phi Chi Theta, the Future Business Leaders of America, and the Shepard Broad Foundation Inc.

“We all worked strongly for this event because students and the general public need to know what’s going on in our society as far as the economy,” said Janine Higdins, an economics major and president of Phi Chi Theta, who is a big fan of Krugman’s columns and books.

Krugman is a professor of economics and international affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and a centenary professor at the London School of Economics. In 2008, Krugman was awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics for his contributions to new trade theory and new economic geography.

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**Staff Writer**

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Megali Holt serves in a contest vs. Air Force Academy at the Panther Invitational on Oct. 15. Holt won a singles and doubles match to pace FIU.

Valentin: ‘We’re gonna win when it counts’

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HILLTOPPER THRILLER

Coming off an emotional win, no team wants to have their next game be a letdown. For the Panthers, this was the exact case. FIU (10-9, SBC 4-3) dropped a five-set thriller to WKU (19-5, SBC 8-1) with the score of 25-19, 25-23, 21-25, 25-20, 15-13.

The first set saw the Panthers come out strong, but they lost the first set of three, 25-20. The second set was a seesaw battle as both teams traded points. The Hilltoppers took the second set with a score of 25-20.

The third set saw the Panthers come out strong again, but WKU came out strong in the third set, winning 25-20. The fourth set was a see-saw battle as both teams traded points, and went into extra digits as FIU pulled a 27-25 win.

The fifth set again went down to the end, with Andrea Lakovic providing the winning point in the 15-13 score. Lakovic, who had 19 kills in the match, felt that the team played their best and gave them their all.

“It was a good game,” Lakovic said. “I thought that we fought really hard.”

Valentin, who had 53 assists, actually saw this loss as a positive. “I don’t think that we lost it to be honest,” Valentin said. “We fought all the way and I can see the improvement from two weeks ago.”

Coach Tomic doesn’t like to lose, but felt that this is the way a team should lose, if you have to. “It’s always hard to lose at home, with a heart-breaker like this in the fifth set,” Tomic said. “I told this team if you’re going to lose, it has to be in five sets, when the score is 15-13, 17-15, or 28-26, you have to fight until the last ball and the last digit.”

The Panthers will now start a five-game road trip that will begin at University of Arkansas Little Rock (2-15, SBC 0-7) and both Lakovic and Valentin feel good about their chances on the road.

“We just have to keep playing hard. We’re gonna keep winning,” Lakovic said. “We’re just a good team.”

“I’m not worried about it because this team is on a mission,” Valentin said. “It started this weekend. We’re gonna win when it counts.”
Fall exhibits an overall success

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On October 13th, the Frost Art Museum opened its doors for the Target Wednesday After Hours program and unveiled the new collections that would grace its white walls throughout the fall season.

The reception drew patrons, art lovers and students alike. It was a different kind of atmosphere inside the museum that night; there was definitely more hustle and bustle and excited movement.

The event allowed guests to enter and explore the floors at a leisurely pace without a formal introduction until much later.

The third floor of the Frost is host to an exhibition by Florida artist Arnold Mesches. Every year, the Frost hosts an exhibit dedicated to the works of Floridian artists as part of their “Florida Artist” series. “Mesches” is one of the most esteemed faculty members in the state,” said Dr. Carol Damian, museum director.

The exhibit, “Selections from Anomie 1492-2006,” uses bright colors on darker canvases making the collection pop out. One piece in particular featured the use of religious symbols from various denominations.

Other works depicted images of military-clad young boys and a fencing team in front of a house that resembled something straight out of the Grimm Brother’s “Hansel and Gretel.” Mesches is well known for incorporating social and political content into his art and uses it as a tool to raise questions about today’s moral standards in the exhibit.

Also on the third floor was Xavier Cortada’s “Sequentia.” To put it simply, he stole the night and is the standout of all the new collections for fall. The room is filled with large, vivid images of molecular compounds in complex patterns. Opposite these was a massive charcoal sketch of a DNA strand that had been cut up into small, square pieces. It hung on the back wall, still creating an image for spectators.

Guarding this piece were students in white lab coats with clipboards. Upon inquiry, it was revealed that this was an audience interactive component of the collection.

In collaboration with the medical school, Cortada...
Fall exhibitions add a good addition to Frost Museum

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Chris Towers
Production Manager

There are some musical acts that you defi nitely have to listen to before you see them live. Very broadly and generally speaking, these are the types of acts that only heavily on dense atmospherics and lyrics. Beach House, the second of two opening bands for Vampire Weekend’s stop in Miami Beach, is one of these bands.

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In the time since, they released their second album, Contra, a more textured and mature work that pushes their sound a bit further than their debut did, largely thanks to the efforts of multi-instrumentalist Rostam Batmanglij. Batmanglij plays a dual role of adding shimming arpeggios and bright arrangements to Keong’s tunes while adding an edge that might not otherwise exist on songs like MIA-sampling Contra standout “Deplor- mat’s Son,” and you really gain a respect for his place in the band in a live setting.

Switching between three pre-programmed keyboards and a guitar for most of the night, he provides much of the musical firepower for the band. While drummer Chris Tomson and bassist Chris Baio come off as rather fungible both in record and on stage, Batmanglij’s playing adds a depth to the band that keeps Keong’s tunes from fl oating off the ground altogether.

This is not to say that neither Tomson nor Baio bring anything to the table. Baio’s trebly melodic bass lines help propel the melo- dics forward, though he could have used a bit more punch in the mix, though that can prob- ably be chalked up to the Fillmore’s question- able acoustics.

American Band
A slowed down “Taxi Cab”, that worked as a mid-show tempo change, was about the only example of sonic experimentation, and even that requires a pretty broad stretch of the defi- nition of the word.

They likely won’t win over many converts live due to this, as the same criticisms of them you might have on record don’t disappear in front of a crowd, but the sold out audience in attendance certainly left happy.

University legend has it that a friendly ghost roams the halls of Green Library making its presence known minutes before ‘death’ bell tolls. An icy hand that touches your neck, a tug on your hair, a swift brush of your ear; these are some of the various experiences students have reported along with sightings for many years. This is the 4th ghost tour set up by the association that has grown tremendously since its start in 2008. With the growing interest in the paranormal and over 200 students in attendance last year, this spooky adventure has expanded into a 2-day event that features a Haunted Campus Ghost Tour and a fun-filled night that’s meant to leave you with nightmares and bring you to the “Brink of Insanity.”

The “Asylum” themed tour will host five different stations around the school with five tales that the association hopes will make you cringe.

Students will travel the eerie, dark hall- ways and walk through the ice-cold buildings of the Modesto Maidique Campus learning something new about each common place.

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This week on campus

Tues: 9:30 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Morton Hall, free and accessible to all on campus.

Info Session: FIU SAA will be hosting an Info Session on the 1st annual Ghost Tour for North Campus students as well. The tour will begin in Bay Vista and continue throughout the school.

Student Alumni Association’s Brink of Insanity: Haunted Campus Tour will also offer students that the Alumni Association hopes will come. This info session will be held on Tuesday, October 26th, 2010. From 7pm to 9pm. The FIU SAA will be serving free pizza and Bobo’s Ice cream to students.

The South Campus Haunted Ghost Tour will start at the Housing Quad on Tuesday, October 19th and run through Wednesday, October 20th. Visiting hours will be from 8:00-10:30 pm.
Homosexual does not mean feminine

Gay men aren’t just the “queens” or “flammers” as portrayed in the media, but people as regular as those that everyone regularly interacts with.

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Comptroller issue showcases SGA’s lack of responsibility

After dawdling for three months, the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus senate has finally made the move to impeach Maria-Rosa Blanco, SGC-MMC comptroller.

The Beacon agrees with this decision, but the ones that hired Blanco and kept her for so long: both the executive and legislative branches.

Blanco has been in New York so far for the entire fall semester for an internship with Johnson & Johnson, leaving her absent from all of the meetings she’s required to attend as comptroller. She has neither lost nor resigned from her position.

Because of this, Blanco was included in the senate’s summoning of four members of the executive branch which took place last September.

Helena Ramirez, SGC-MMC president, has defended Blanco throughout the summum process and continues to do so.

“Rosa Maria is reviewing quarterly reports, it is redundant for her to attend so many meetings when at the end of the day she just signs off,” Ramirez said regarding Blanco’s absence.

During the Oct. 11 senate meeting, when Ramirez was presented with the question of whether she would actually vote for the firing of a senator who was absent, she brought up the times William-Jose Velez, SGC-MMC senate speaker, and Hector Mujica, SGC-MMC speaker pro-tempore were absent during the summer.

Instead of giving out statements like these, Ramirez should decide to either remove Blanco or appoint a deputy comptroller for the duration of the semester.

Blanco’s absence has led to overall SGA rules being skipped or even ignored.

As comptroller Blanco serves as SGC- MMC’s chief financial officer and, as such, her signature is required on all SGC-MMC appropriations over $3,000. Ramirez’s signature is also required.

However, the Graduate Student Funding Committee recently approved a budget of $4,400 to the Academy for Arts and Teachings with neither Blanco nor Ramirez’s signatures.

Without those signatures the money may become void and have to be refunded to SGA.

This also shows a clear lack of accountability of the legislative and executive. All of the above situations could have been easily avoided if Ramirez simply removed and replaced Blanco once she realized her comptroller would not be in the same state as her for the better part of a semester.

This leads us to question why Ramirez even hired Blanco.

Being responsible for positions being delinquent, their duties extends to the entire council.

Ramirez told The Beacon that Blanco is not being paid. Because she holds a position with MMC, that would be an employe of the state of Florida and state law requires that all state employees be paid.

This was the executive branch, and Ramirez as the leader of the executive, is in direct violation of state law.

Although we agree with the senate on their decision to impeach Blanco, we understand she thought it took them too long to get to this point.

The date of the impeachment hearing will not be set until the next SGC-MMC senate meeting, and at that point there will only be seven weeks left in the semester, essentially leaving a vital position within SGC-MMC empty.

PaoL Ramos Contributing Writer

On the popular television show Glee, the character Kurt Hummel has an eccentric taste in fashion, which with a feminine persona regularly sings show tunes. Kurt is also gay.

To most people, he fits the exact mold of the typical gay man.

But today’s society, being gay essentially strips a man of his masculinity, causing a profound disrespect for gay men for not being “man enough.” What they don’t understand is that being gay is separate from other aspects of a person, just as it is for straight men.

Unauthorized it literally fail to understand how any decent, moral, self-respecting human being can oppose efforts to curb the horrific and cruel practice of puppy mills.

Victoria Shewell host of Animal Planet’s “Is It a Boy or a Dog?”

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Federico Lastra Contributing Writer

Furious at state leaders for collecting their money and not taking into account their needs on how it should be spent, in 2008 North Lander-dakine commissioners passed a resolution to split Florida into two sections – South Florida and Northern Florida.

Southern Florida would encompass Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, which represent the 4 counties, out of the 67 counties in the state, where 80 percent of the state’s tax revenue comes from.

If Florida were a corporation, especially now in this economic climate, we would have shut down North Florida and down-sized to just South Florida a very long time ago.

It’s precisely this that motivated Commissioner Richard Moore, to say “it’s out of frustration with the state Legislature ignoring the cities in South Florida…they don’t really care too much what happens with South Florida.”

Margaret opinion

Art Bross feels the same way, “We’re sick and tired of it, of Tallahassee sending down unfunded mandates without sending the money and on top of it, then telling us we can’t collect the money from our residents.”

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Ecuador

Gold mine collapse

Gold mine traps four miners 490 feet underground after a tunnel collapsed at the fifth level of a mine operated by an Ecuadorian company called Minerales on Oct. 15 near the city of Potosí.

Mexico

Marine and gunman killed

One Mexican marine and three suspected drug cartel gunmen were killed as the gunman opened fire and threw grenades at a marine patrol in a roadblock in the northeastern city of Monterey.

Suriname

Murder trial postponed for president

Elected president Desi Bouterse’s murder trial in the December 1982 slaying of 13 supporters to his military dictatorship resumed on Oct. 15 but was postponed again after no defense witnesses appeared to testify.

Geopolitical summit to discuss BP oil spill

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Contributing Writer

The University will host its second Geopolitical Summit with a session held at the Biscayne Bay Campus celebrating the impact the University has on the larger geopolitical scale, according to James Forqurean, professor of global and sociocultural studies.

Our new president, Mark Rosenberg, initiated the summit to highlight current topics about our environment,” Forqurean said.

Rosenberg will be making opening remarks at the summit.

“I think it’s a good idea that student’s become involved and, by informing them of some of the most pressing issues of our society and economy, they will become more engaged,” said Vanessa Sandtino, a junior human resources major.

Babbit will speak on the current oil spill by BP and how it affects the Gulf Coast.

He has initiated work on the Everglades and has brought environmental resource management to the forefront in Arizona by initiating the most comprehensive regulatory water system in the nation, according to the University’s summit website.

“I’m going to talk about how capitalism can be helpful to the environment and its studies,” said Scott. “I will be listening with interest as Babbit explains his experiences with political and environmental policy.”

In addition, the School of International and Public Affairs, which initiated the first Geopolitical Summit in 2009, will be joined by the newly-formed School of Environment, Arts and Society and our Herbert Wett-heim College of Medicine, which just welcomed its second class, to discuss current issues in poverty, health and sustainability in the community.

“I think it’s useful, as a rare opportunity for both students and our faculty in our community to learn and known about pressing issues in our world, from leaders in different fields,” said Neptune Smial, professor of earth science and environment.

For more information, visit the Geopolitical summit’s website at http://summit.fi u.edu/index.html.

New club aims to spread awareness of University budgets cuts, tuition hikes

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The Student Liberation Movement club has been in the works since last spring, but the movement is just starting this semester.

The club started when a handful of students began meeting and discussing educational issues that universities around the world face. The club aims to provide accountability to the voices of the students.

“At the end of the day we are the ones giving money to the school, we are the school,” Alvarado said. “We want a place to be able to speak and express our grievances.”

The main focus has been to create awareness about budget cuts and tuition hikes at the University. SLM has organized around the Student Movement in Puerto Rico, and various issues occurring in this country and abroad.

Discussion topics range from tuition hikes and domestic and international social movements to homophobia sexism and racism. SLM meetings may consist of discussions, film screenings and/ or guest speakers.

There is no hierarchy in SLM because the members are there to help each other as a group.

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The meeting on Oct. 13 addressed tuition hikes and the affect the economy is having on students.

Three new faces showed up after seeing the Oct. 7 National Day of Action to Defend Public Education flyer, which began in California as a national move- ment to defend educational rights.

Universities, including FIU, noticed this day around the country in hopes to help make American History.

“We want to make sure the human rela- tionship is strong. How can we make a difference if we can’t relate to each other?” said Lis-Mari Alvarado, secretary of SLM and senior sociology and women studies major. “Our main goal is to work from our role as students but at the same time we are part of different realities.”

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For more information contact SLM members at sinful@gmail.com.

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE

Plagiarism isn’t a big deal to Fish

This week’s TTR will discuss the controversial topic of plagiarism, moderated by Intern Vice Provost Steven Moll.

The topic selected by Moll derives from a recent blog post in The New York Times by University law professor Stanley Fish, entitled “Plagiarism Is Not A Big Moral Deal,” stirred up some controversy.

“I disagree with Dr. Fish and his stance on plagiarism,” said Moll, arguing for the moral and ethical competency of the University. “It’s like a stop sign and you can clearly see that no one is there for miles. So would you come to a complete stop or would you roll through?”

Moll is no stranger to plagiarism as he once caught a student plagiarizing his girlfriend’s work. According to Moll, he believes plagiarism has increased with the boom of technology and developments like Google.

Before you copy and paste your next paper, just know that such websites as Turnitin.com, used by Moll, are helping Universities catch students trying to pull a fast one.

“There are issues that go beyond politics and religion, according to Alvarado. By joining SLM, students can organize and work together to face educational issues constantly being brought up.

Alvarado mentioned the ignorance of the student body and how students find out about issues after they have already been created.

“If people don’t know that they can do something, things will never change. The club wants to push students to think collectively and provide solutions, to empower people,” said Alvarado.

While there are several ways to partici- pate in community service, this club offers a service to help understand student issues. Attraction from students has come from those already involved and students whose majors are sociology, philosophy and economics.

The more students interested the broader the topics addressed, according to Alvarado.

Alvarado aims to attract more students interested in defending educational rights. SLM plans to grow and to coordinate different actions and events on the Biscayne Bay Campus, but students from the other campuses can join the club.

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Resident of Bay Vista Housing having a laugh as they learn dance routines on the Oct. 14 Bollywood night. Bollywood dance is a mixture of numerous dancing styles like Indian folk, belly-dancing and kathak used in Indian films.